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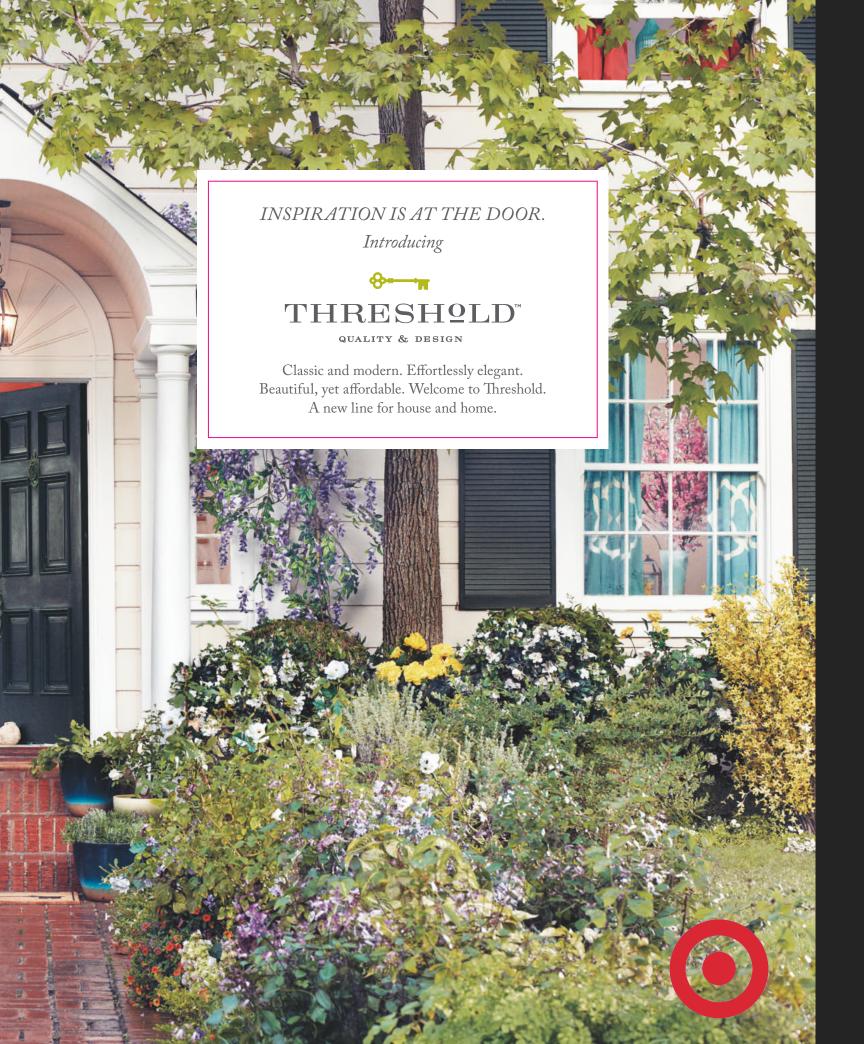


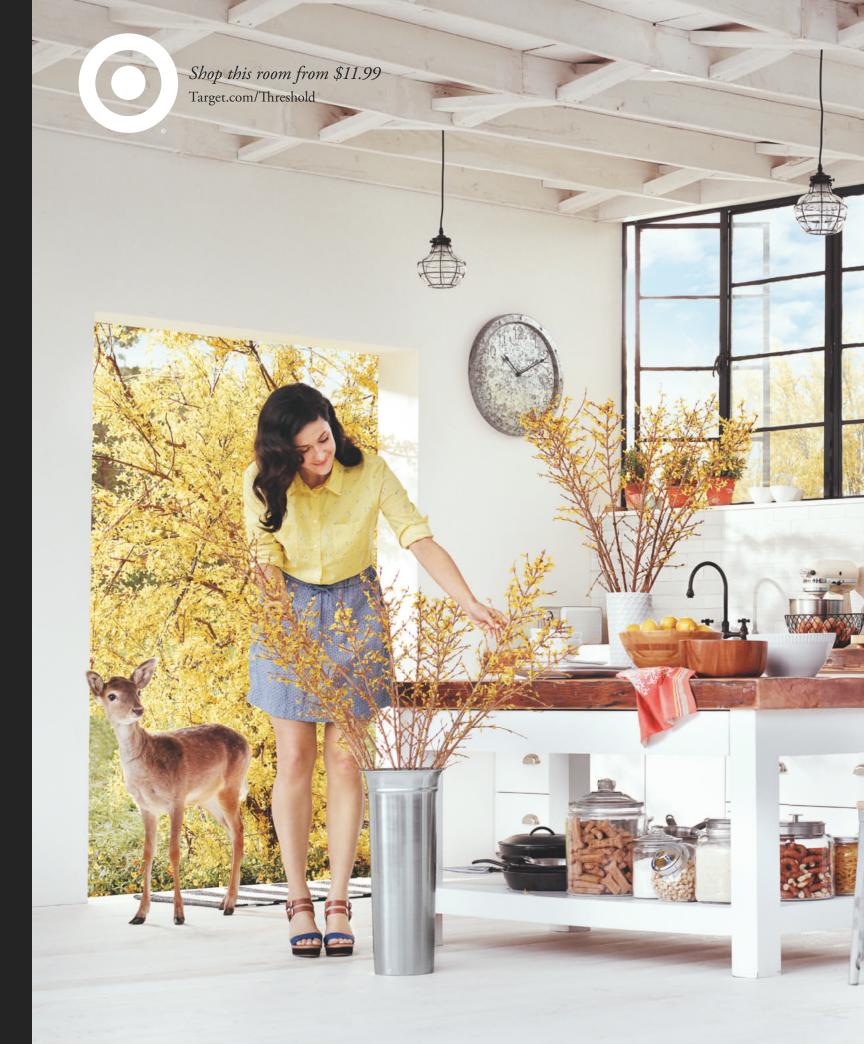
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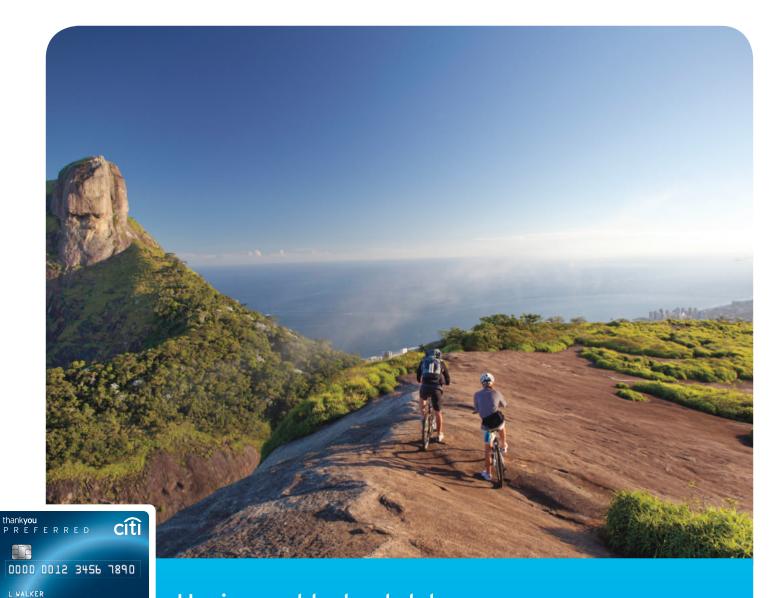












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i wear workout clothes when i clean, do you?

Confession: I've never liked the idea of spring cleaning. An extreme, all-day—or, worse, all-weekend!—scrubbing marathon just isn't my cup of tea. I prefer *sprint* cleaning. I dust, mop, and wipe in quick bursts whenever I have a few free minutes. The way I clean is not streamlined or organized. It's fast and loose. My house isn't perfect, but it's mess- and dirt-free most of the time, and I'm never afraid of pop-in quests. Here are the unconventional tips that work for me.



Stash paper towel rolls all

over the house.

Lint rollers clean lampshades fast!

Getting distracted is a good thing.

It goes like this: I'm scrubbing my kitchen sink when I see splatters on my stove. Finish sink, spritz stove. What's on the floor? Crumbs! While figure-eighting a Swiffer, I plan a route to the living room, picking up my vacuum cleaner on the way. Rug vacuumed, I snap on the upholstery attachment and zoom over my ottoman and the bottom shelf of my end tables. (What? You never "dust" with your vacuum cleaner? Try it!) Is that lint on my lampshades? Leave vacuum in a heap, clean shades with a lint roller. Dash to the bath! On the way, wipe fingerprints off hallway wall and closet doorknobs. Rapid-fire clean the bathroom sink. Load towels and bath mat in the wash, wheel vacuum into the bedroom, where it'll sit until I feel like using it in there. Whew, I just did 20 minutes of speed cleaning! The goal is to mix little jobs, like sink cleaning, with big jobs, like furniture vacuuming, so no task feels overwhelming down the road.

tip #2

Supplies, supplies, everywhere! I stash

all-purpose cleaners, dustrags, sponges, and furniture polish in rooms and closets all over my place. That way I don't have to double back to any one spot for supplies. Most important: Rolls of paper towels are everywhere. Saves so much time—and leaves the legwork for the gym and shopping.

Use ______on _____?
Sometimes I pick up a speciality cleaner,

like stainless steel spray for the front of my fridge. But usually everyday cleaners work on everything. (You've Windexed a bathroom top to bottom before, right?! It's not just me?) Did you know a blast of air freshener shines up a mirror fast? And let me tell you how much I love baby laundry detergent and baby shampoo. I use the shampoo to spot-clean rugs and mini blinds and to wash makeup brushes. Baby detergent is my secret to supersoft sheets.

Sara Peterson

Editor in Chief

They work and smell great—so why not?



Great for cleaning makeup

Ever "dust" with your upholstery attachment? I do!



Wash sheets using baby detergent. It softens 'em up!







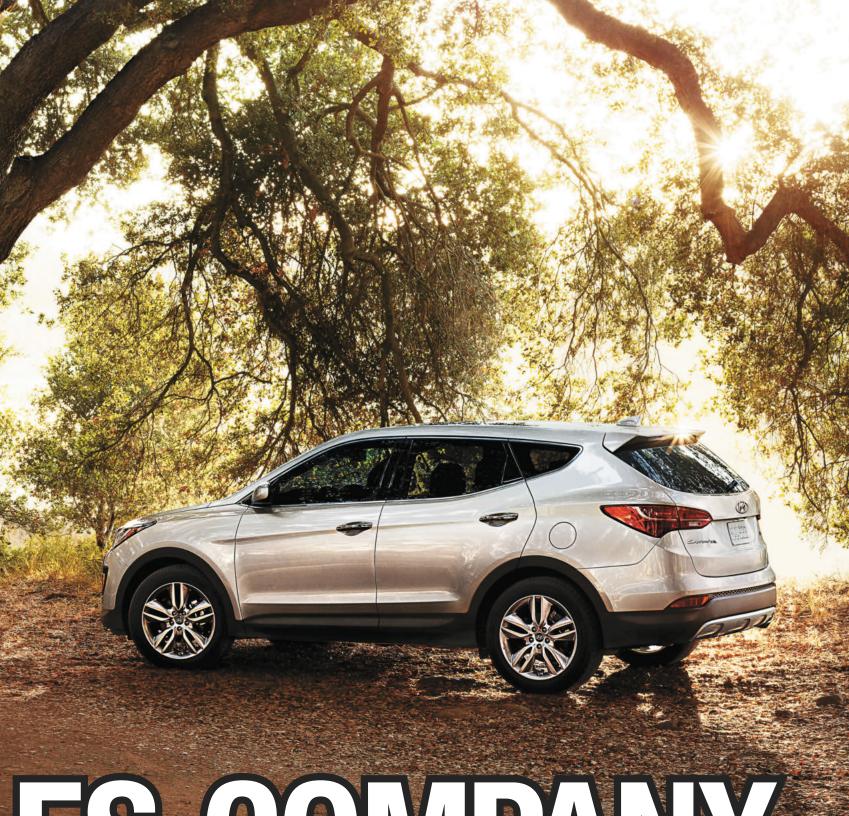












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dear **HGTV** magazine



What a nice surprise to see the cover of your January/ February issue. Last spring I painted the built-in bookcases in my family room

yellow and white. It brightened the space and inspired me to buy a colorful painting from World Market. That purchase led to more bright accents, including a scarf I framed. I'm happy to see that my color choices were good enough for your cover!

-Susan Novak, Oak Creek, WI

I loved "The Most Embarrassing Living Room in America!" in the January/February issue. It gave me some smart ideas for my own man cave. I'm

smart ideas for my own man cave. I'm going to attempt to make a bar table out of old barn wood and galvanized pipe, like the one featured in the story. Thanks for putting out such a great magazine.

—Doug Snyder, Hendersonville, NC

Thank you for the advice I read in your December issue's "If Your Shower Could Talk." I had a stubborn sink clog that wouldn't budge, even after I used drain cleaner. I was dreading calling a plumber, but then I bought a mini snake, and after a few passes in the drain, the clog was cleared. You saved me a nice chunk of change.

—Yezenia Hernandez, Chino Hills, CA

I retired recently but have always wanted to be an interior designer.

I remember when
I was a teenager, my
friends and I painted
my room when my parents were
out of town! Whenever a new issue of
your magazine arrives in the mail, I get
giddy. I study every page and keep a list
of all the ideas I've gotten, like putting
pictures on the outside of boxes to
identify what's in them or adding carrot
tops to flower arrangements.

—Carolyn Keane, Memphis, TN



Your magazine is chock-full of great, easy-to-do projects.

I used one of the ideas from the story "That's Duct Tape?!

Yep!" in the January/February issue to decorate the ceiling fan in the room my daughters share. They were thrilled with the way it came out—and the whole thing took less than 15 minutes!

—Marie Elaina Melman, Bethpage, NY

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YOU SHOWED US!

Here are some of your recent makeovers that caught our eye.



"Like your editor in chief, I put my dish soap in a decanter. This was actually a wine bottle that I etched using a stencil. Then I just added a spout."

-Jessica Kielman, Lexington, KY



"I wanted to paint our front door pink, but my husband wasn't too keen on that idea. So I found another spot for the pretty color—our fence!"

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-Marilyn Killian, Lawrenceburg, TN

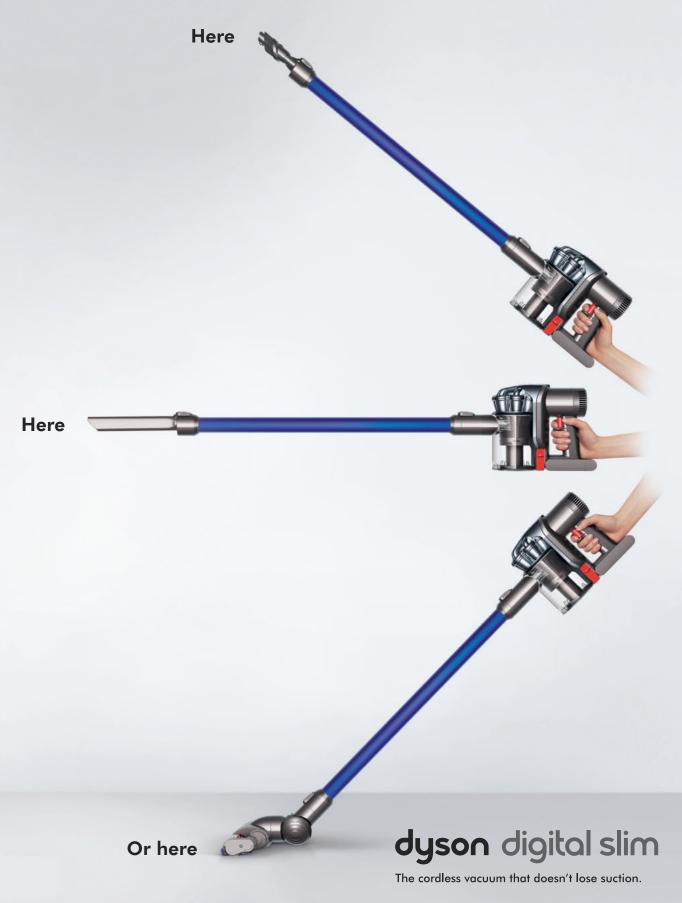


"Our town library was making its Dewey decimal system digital, so we bought three sets of card catalog drawers for \$25 total. We sanded and stained a piece of oak to use as the top, and now it's our coffee table."

-Sara Jane Cormier, Salem, NY

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sound familiar?

Readers share their quirky household habits and everyday observations that really hit home. I use this trick every time I'm late getting home at night: As soon as I walk in the door, the first thing I do is **set the table**. Even though dinner hasn't even been started, it makes my family think things are in progress."

-Deb Erickson, Holdrege, NE



The shower curtain and liner have to be pulled closed so they dry out between uses and don't collect mold—but not closed to the point that air can't circulate inside the shower. I have a spot that I consider the 'just right' mark."

—Lesley Simon, Wilmington, DE I can't stand it when I open the dishwasher and the glasses and bowls are right side up, filled with nasty water. Yuck!"

> —Linda Aktar, Ridgewood, NJ

66 I'm sort of psycho about the kitchen sink—and I like to think I'm not alone. I can't sleep if the soap dispenser isn't perfectly straight, and I obsessively wipe down the faucet and sink before bed so there isn't a drop of water anywhere."

-Stephanie Gibson, Birmingham, AL

66 I keep two sets of cleaning tools—one upstairs and one down. I have two dusters, two vacuums, two handheld vacuums, and two mops. There might be a cleaning emergency, right? Hasn't happened yet, but you never know...."

-Melissa Wildman, Brentwood, CA

My husband constantly leaves all the drawers in the bedroom dresser open. I've even bruised myself on them."

—Belma Koprencka, Whitestone, NY



66 I've had my carpet for six months, but it still sheds!
I find balls of loose wool floating all over my home like tumbleweeds in the desert."

-Amy Creel, Ashton, MD

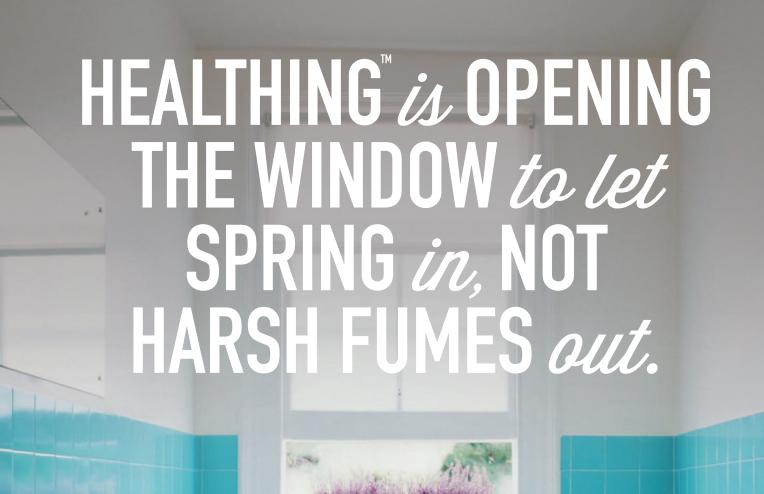
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66 I can't stand it when there's cooking time left on the microwave—like if popcorn's been popping and someone takes it out before the beep. Those final seconds that stay on the display drive me crazy!"

-Shannon Watterson, Worcester, MA







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what's your housecleaning I ?

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 Lemon juice will remove scuff marks from walls.



2. To get a ball-point pen stain out of a sofa, spritz it with hair spray.





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3. You just dropped French fries on the couch! To get the grease out, pat the stain with a clean cloth and club soda.

TRUE

○ FALSE

4. Sticking a bag of charcoal in your basement can get rid of a musty smell.





5. You can clean your plastic shower curtain in the washing machine.







6. Always load spoons and forks faceup in the dishwasher.



7. Chrome fixtures show more fingerprints than brass ones.







For streak-free windows. clean with newspapers instead of paper towels.





9. Dusting? A microfiber cloth is more effective than a feather duster.

TRUE

○ FALSE

10. It's fine to clean your laminate floors with all-purpose cleaner.

> **TRUE FALSE**



11. Dust mites can bite you.

TRUE

FALSE

12. The best way to keep your wool rug looking new is with a rented steam cleaner.

TRUE

FALSE

13. To make silver sparkle, polish it with salt and baking powder.

> **TRUE FALSE**



14. When an air freshener claims to kill 99% of bacteria, it means it also kills 99% of germs.

TRUE

○ FALSE

15. The miracle chemical in a self-cleaning oven cycle is Borax.

TRUE

○ FALSE

16. If you don't have specially formulated granite cleaner, the next best way to clean granite counters is with glass cleaner.



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ANSWER SHEET

1. FALSE, "You need some abrasion to get scuffs off of painted walls," says Cara Bondi, a senior chemist for Seventh Generation. Make a paste of baking soda and water and scrub with a damp sponge.

2. FALSE. The ingredient in hair spray that dissolves ink is alcohol, but today's formulas don't contain as much alcohol as they used to. Plus, alcohol can be harsh on upholstery fabrics, says Donna Smallin Kuper, author of Cleaning Plain & Simple. It's best to call a pro upholstery cleaner.

3. FALSE. "Your best bet is cornstarch or talcum powder, which absorb oils and grease," says Bondi. Let it sit for a few minutes, vacuum it up, then rub a few drops of dish soap into the stain. After a minute, blot with a damp cloth.

4. TRUE. Charcoal works by absorbing bad odors. Just make sure the bag says "100% natural." Charcoal with mesquite or easy-light additives, which can become toxic, shouldn't be left in a poorly ventilated basement, says Bondi.

5. TRUE."Most shower curtains can be cleaned in cold water in your washing machine on the gentle cycle," says Debra Johnson, a Merry Maids spokesperson. "Stick it in with some towels, which will help rub off soap scum and slime."

6. FALSE. It depends on the position of your utensil basket, says Bondi. In most machines, it's on the bottom rack—so loading forks and spoons upside down gets them closer to the sprayers and detergent. If your silverware basket is on the door, load utensils faceup for better cleaning.

7. TRUE. "Chrome objects, like faucets, are extremely susceptible to spotting and streaking," says Bondi. Brass stays shiny and fingerprint-free longer, though it is more prone to corrosion and discoloration from standing water.

8. FALSE. "Newspapers work, just not as well," says Johnson. "A good glass cleaner and microfiber cloth or lint-free paper towel will leave fewer streaks."

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9. TRUE. The truth is, feather dusters don't actually clean dust—they just swipe it off the surface, and it resettles elsewhere. "But microfiber cloths have tiny fibers that absorb dust and lock it away," says Bondi.

10. FALSE. All-purpose cleaners' ingredients and concentrations vary, and many can damage laminate, says Len Daubler, a Shaw Floors product support manager. The best way to clean laminate floors is to regularly sweep, dust, or vacuum them with the hard floor attachment. Then use a terry-cloth mop and a cleaner made for laminate floors.

11. FALSE. Dust mites don't bite us—they feed on dead skin cells we shed, says Smallin Kuper. "But they're an allergen, so they can make you sniffly." To limit them, wash linens, dust, and vacuum weekly.

12. FALSE. "Rental steam cleaners can leave water spots on wool rugs," says Smallin Kuper. It's safer to hire an expert, whose powerful gear works better-it soaks up much more water than an at-home steamer, so it won't leave stains.

13. TRUE. You can polish a lot of silver at once by lining a pan with aluminum foil, then spreading the pieces on top and covering them with hot water mixed with one tablespoon each of salt and baking powder, says Bondi. Cover the pan with foil, let it sit overnight, then rinse each item in hot water.

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, 14. FALSE. Bacteria is a type of germ, but germs also include organisms like viruses and fungi (such as mold). An air freshener whose label says it kills 99% of bacteria isn't getting rid of all the nasty stuff. Look for a product that is also labeled an EPAcertified disinfectant, which will destroy more types of germs.

15. FALSE. The self-cleaning cycle may emit a chemical-like odor, but it doesn't actually use any chemicals—just very high heat (like 900°F) to melt off grime.

16. FALSE. Glass cleaners can be too acidic or alkaline for granite, and can etch the surface. That's why pros recommend cleaners specially formulated for natural stone. If you don't have any, try a mixture of water and a little dish washing liquid.



Brilliant! You could be the **RIGHT?** next HGTV De-Stain Star.

Very impressive! Your home is in the clear.

Time to come clean and brush up on the basics.



Dryer sheets can gunk me up.

If you use softener-coated sheets, keep in mind that, over time, the residue sticks to the lint filter and clogs it. Twice a year, scrub the filter with a nylon-bristle brush and an all-purpose cleaner.

Then rinse the filter and pop it back in place.

Yikes, I may not be up to code.

If the vent pipe (the hose that leads from the dryer to the outside) is flexible plastic, it no longer meets fire codes—the dryer's heat could cause it to collapse and catch fire.

Get a metal duct instead.

Wipe away stains, stat.

See ink or dye on your dryer's interior walls? Clean them with a solution of ¼ cup bleach to 1 gallon water before the stains become permanent. Then tumble dry some damp rags to catch any ink residue that could transfer to future loads.

Wrinkles? Run a smaller load.

The more room clothes have to move around, the less likely they are to wrinkle. So fill your dryer only half to three quarters full. But if you're drying just one thing, toss in two similar items to balance out the drum and ensure even tumbling.



I hate, hate, hate lint!

A lint-jammed dryer not only takes longer to work, it's also a major fire hazard. Clean the lint filter after every cycle. And every year or so, hire a service technician to clear out the vent pipe and the inside of the dryer's front panel.

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...to eat dyed easter eggs?

A: If you've decorated your home with some hard-boiled works of art, you should toss them in the trash when Easter's over—but maybe not for the reason you think. "Ingesting dye from store-bought kits can't hurt you—the dyes are nontoxic," says Deborah Beauvais, R.D., spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. "The real issue is how long the eggs sat out unrefrigerated. After two hours, bacteria can grow inside the egg, which could lead to food poisoning." If you don't want to waste food, blow out the yolks and whites using an egg blower (\$6, hearthsong.com) before coloring. You can use them to make scrambled eggs, and you'll have the hollowed-out shells to decorate.

BOTTOM LINE: pretty bad!

...to hang a picture without hitting a stud?

A: A picture will hang more securely on a nail that's in a stud, but it's not essential. It's more important to use the right kind of anchor, says Matt Muenster, host of DIY Network's Bath Crashers. For a piece that weighs less than 10 pounds, that means tapping in a regular nail so its head is angled slightly upward from the wall. For a heavier item, use a hollow wall anchor, such as a molly bolt or spiral anchor. Both act as encasements for a screw. Once you drive it into a wall, the anchor expands so the screw can get a better grip. Ask at the hardware store which kind of anchor is best for the item you're hanging.

BOTTOM LINE: not so bad!







...to take someone's umbrella if someone took yours?

A: You drop your umbrella at the door of a party or restaurant, but when you leave, it's missing. It's a frustrating experience, but you shouldn't grab someone else's and call it even. "When you boil it down, you're stealing, and that's not justifiable," says Bruce Weinstein, Ph.D., author of Ethical Intelligence. If you can't track down the culprit, ask if the host or maître d' has an extra you could borrowand if he doesn't, chalk up the situation to bad luck. As Weinstein points out, putting an umbrella in a stand doesn't guarantee it will stay there. "That's the risk you take for not having to carry it around."

BOTTOM LINE: really bad!

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how bad is it..

...to let your dog drink from the toilet?

A: It may make you shudder, but a toilet is the canine version of a mountain-fed spring. Every time you flush, clean water recirculates into the bowl, and the porcelain keeps it cool. "To your dog, it's the freshest water in the house. And as long as you clean the bowl every week, it's just as safe as tap water," says Patty Khuly, V.M.D., a Miami-based veterinarian. To ensure it stays that way, choose a natural cleaner, like white vinegar, and avoid tablets that turn the toilet water blue. They probably won't make your dog sick, but they can irritate his mouth.

BOTTOM LINE: it's fine!

if your toilet is clean



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...to stir and taste food with the same spoon?

A: It's a pretty gross habit, but if you're making something that will be fully cooked after you sample it, like soup or brownie batter, it's not much of a health danger. Although there's not one recommended temperature for all foods, "cooking generally kills bacteria and viruses, so if you did have a bug, it probably wouldn't get passed along," says Paul Dawson, Ph.D., a professor of food science at Clemson University. The risk lies more with cold food, like salad dressing. According to a study Dawson conducted, a spoon that's been in someone's mouth can transfer an average of 100,000 bacteria. If you're sick, or about to be, you could contaminate the dish. So use a different spoon each time you taste test.

BOTTOM LINE:

sorta bad!

for hot dishes

super bad!

for cold dishes

...to wait until April 15 to file your taxes?

A: No one wants to spend hours sitting in front of a computer (or an accountant) going through W-2s and bank statements. But it literally doesn't pay to procrastinate. "Filing your taxes in a rush opens the door for errors, like forgetting to claim deductions or entering the wrong numbers on your return," says Lindsey Buchholz, lead tax research analyst for the Tax Institute at H&R Block. If you're owed money, that could mean the wrong rebate, and if you owe the government money, you could end up paying too much-or too little, which could lead to problems down the line. Mistakes may also make you more prone to what taxpayers dread most: an audit. To avoid this, gather paperwork by early March and file by early April.







...to never turn your mattress?

A: Most mattresses these days have a distinct top and bottom, so you wouldn't want to flip it over, as the bottom isn't comfy for sleeping. But to help your mattress wear evenly, you should rotate it 180 degrees—so the head becomes the foot and vice versa—every six months, says Allen Platek, vice president of marketing for Sealy. The reason: The average American adult sleeps about seven hours a night. Multiply that by eight years (the average life span of a mattress) and you're spending more than 20,400 hours lying in the same spot. "That may create a permanent body impression," says Platek, which can lead to backaches and less restful nights.







just curious: shoes on or off?

Do you ask guests to remove their shoes when they come in your house?

who knew?

Japan isn't the only country with a customary shoes-off rule—it's the norm in India and Sweden, too.

ing-dong—company's here! Before your guests come in, do you usually ask them to remove their shoes? Turns out 40% of people we polled do. Interesting fact: Those 40 and older were more understanding about wearing shoes in the house, while the others preferred to keep them off. Apparently the younger group is onto something. Keeping your shoes off inside does keep your house cleaner—and healthier. It's true: Various bacteria, including E. coli, were found on 96% of shoes tested in a 2008 study by a University of Arizona microbiologist. Can you say disgusting?

So how do you politely suggest your guests go barefoot when they visit? Try greeting them at the door with something low-key, says Anna Post, coauthor of *Emily Post's Etiquette, 18th edition*. For example: "Hi! Let me take your coat. You can just leave your shoes over there." A basket of slippers by the door will make anyone who is self-conscious about holey socks or unpedicured toes feel at ease.

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> -Stephanie Rhodes, executive housekeeper at Miraval Resort & Spa, Tucson, AZ



Sunbeam Old Fashioned white bread "We go

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stays fresher longer than other white breads I've tried."

> -Mark Salameh, owner of The Sandwich Company restaurant, Jacksonville, FL

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-Micki Sannar, author of Olive Oil Desserts and Aroma & Olive Oil



SMART BRAN

Nature's Path **Smart Bran** cereal "So many bran cereals taste cardboardy, but this one tastes like real grains. It has 13 grams of fiber per serving, about half your daily needs.

I like to mix it with almond milk and a handful of cashews for breakfast or a snack."

> -Keri Glassman, R.D., author of The New You (and Improved!) Diet



family has stuck entire pizza boxes in these stretchable bags without so much as a pinhole tear. They come with a builtin Febreze odor shield, which is great if you have to go days between trash pickups."

-Dan Reidmiller, creative director of College Hunks Hauling Junk, a national iunk removal and moving company

Cascade Complete dishwasher detergent pacs

"We never have to prerinse with this detergent. Everything goes straight from the table to the dishwasher. The pods contain a mix of Cascade powder and Dawn gel-simply

> throw one into the detergent compartment-no spots, no film."

-Katherine Brown, owner of the awardwinning Bloomsbury Inn, Camden, SC



La Victoria Thick 'n Chunky salsa and Doritos toasted corn tortilla chips "This salsa is the closest to homemade I've tasted: chunky tomatoes, crunchy onions, and roasted

green chilies make up the base. I serve it with plain Doritos tortilla chips—there's no excess flavoring, so all you taste is the corn and a little salt."

-Al Lucero, owner of Maria's New Mexican Kitchen, Sante Fe, NM





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your shopping cart

find out what they toss in their own cart.



DiGiorno classic thin crust pizza

"I love the crust on this pizza

because it's crispy, yet it doesn't crumble into pieces when you eat it. The sauce isn't bland or overly spicy, and there's no shortage of cheese—each bite has just the right amount."

-Craig Agranoff, founder of thepizzaexperts.com



Applegate Naturals reduced sodium Sunday

bacon "This bacon is mostly meat with very little fat, so it cooks up firmer. I like the sweet apple-smoked taste, which adds just the right flavor to my favorite recipes, like bacon candy and bacon bread pudding!"

—Jayne Rockmill, author of I Love Bacon!



Bertolli tomato & basil sauce "I like this sauce's mild taste and slightly chunky tomatoes; it's similar to my homemade marinara sauce. A few

tablespoons in my chicken soup flavors the broth and gives it a nice rosy color."

—Sally Maraventano, founder of Cucina Casalinga cooking school, Wilton, CT



Bounty Select-a-Size paper towels

"I always have these on hand, in case one of my kids spills milk or there's a pet accident. The sheets are really soft and absorbent, like wiping up with a cotton cloth. I like that the roll is perforated so

you can pull off a regular-size paper towel or a six-inch piece, depending how big the mess is."

—Becky Rapinchuk, blogger, Clean Mama



Ha va:

Häagen-Dazs vanilla ice cream

"This allnatural ice cream has the perfect creamy

texture, mostly because they use egg yolks in place of chemical emulsifiers. It has a natural vanilla taste and is perfect on apple pie."

—Malcolm Stogo, author of Incredible Ice Cream



Pop Secret 100 Calorie Pop 94% fat free butter

popcorn "Each handful has just enough butter and salt. I don't feel the need to drink a gallon of water like I do with other popcorn. And it's low in calories, so I can indulge without feeling quilty."

—Betsy Weber, global consumer communications manager at Netflix



Jif creamy peanut butter and Smucker's Concord grape jelly "I love Jif because

it's not lumpy, and it's easy to spread. When I'm making a PB&J sandwich, I use Smucker's grape jelly because it tastes like the kind you find in a doughnut."

-Satema, 7, chef on PBS's Hey Kids, Let's Cook!







"They're crisp but not hard to bite through. Every mouthful

is loaded with dark chocolate chunks and pecans, plus they're about 25% larger than your standard chocolate chip cookie."

—Julia M. Usher, author of *Ultimate Cookies*



Marzetti classic ranch dressing

"I always have a bottle of this in my fridge to drizzle on salads or use as a quick dip for veggies. It's not too thick, so it doesn't

drown the lettuce, and the peppery buttermilk flavor has a nice kick."

-Jennifer Chandler, author of Simply Salads





talk to a toolman

Should you hire a pro or tackle that home repair yourself? *Elbow Room*'s **Chip Wade** weighs in on five common questions.

• I dropped one of my • earrings down the bathroom sink. Help!

CHIP SAYS: GIVE IT A GO.

Immediately shut off the water so your jewelry doesn't move any farther through the pipes. The earring should be caught in the P trap, that curved

right under
your sink.
The trap is
secured to
the rest of
the pipe by
two

connectors, which are the big plastic or metal nuts that sit at either end of the trap. Unscrew those by hand, then carefully dump the contents of the trap into a bucket. The trap will be full of water—and probably some debris and hair—but your earring should be in there too.

• How do I install a • dead bolt lock?

chip says: hire a pro. Putting a dead bolt on your door involves drilling through the wood in multiple places as well as using a chisel, so if you're not much of a DIYer, it's best to buy the lock yourself,

then hire a handyman (cheaper than a

locksmith) to
install it. For the
most secure
setup, choose
a lock with a
heavy-gauge
steel strike
plate, the small
metal rectangle
that goes on the

doorjamb opposite
the lock. Make sure he
installs the strike plate with
extra-long steel screws that
penetrate the solid wood
under the doorjamb. You can
also have him reinforce the
strike plate with another

steel plate on top.

• My fridge's
• ice maker
keeps jamming.
What's the fix?

CHIP SAYS: GIVE IT A GO. First look at the top

of the ice maker to find the raker bar, which has little plastic fingers that help knock the ice into the dispenser bin. Remove any frost or excess ice from around the bar by chipping it away with an ice pick or a screwdriver, or by pouring room temperature water on it. And make sure your freezer's cold enough—zero degrees Fahrenheit will ensure that the cubes won't constantly melt a little and then refreeze, causing ice buildup. In the future, dump the ice bin every few days to prevent it from getting too full and stopping up the contraption again.

• What can I do to repair a chip in my laminate counters?

CHIP SAYS: GIVE IT A GO. TO

fill in the chip, you'll need laminate repair paste (available at hardware stores) that matches your counters—it comes in a variety of colors. Place a square of painter's tape around the chip, then squeeze a small amount of paste over the

if you drop
something down
the sink drain!
There's an easy
solution.

66 Don't panic

nick, smoothing it with a putty knife so it lies flush with the surrounding surface. Let the paste harden overnight, then remove the tape.

• The air in my • basement feels damp. How can I dry out the space?

CHIP SAYS: HIRE A PRO. You

can use a dehumidifier to make the area more comfortable, but to really treat the problem, you need to get rid of the source of the moisture. Check the basement's ceiling, corners, and walls. If the problem is localized, like a wet spot on the ceiling, have a plumber look for leaky pipes. If you see condensation or wet spots on the walls, call a foundation repair company. They'll check that settling cracks aren't letting ground water seep in, and they'll make sure the earth around your house slopes away from the foundation so water isn't trickling into your masonry.

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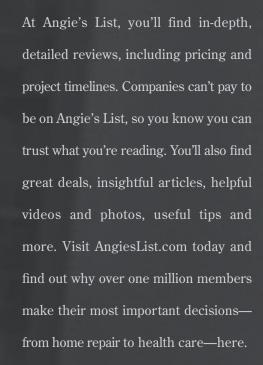


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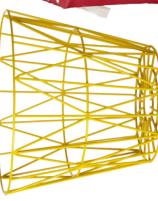
I Could've Bin a Container 13¼"H x 12½"-diameter waste bin in pink, \$29, landofnod.com



Mountain Peaks

anthropologie.com bath basket, \$88, 18"-diameter short 12"H x

A zip-top lid—cool!



Ferm Living 13½"H x 15"-diameter wire basket, \$85, shophorne.com

canvas bin in green bean blocks, \$34, garnethill.com Printed 14"W x 14"D x 10"H



fabric box in ruby dots, \$18, 161/4"W x 123/4"D x 91/2H" containerstore.com





14½"W x 13"D x 11"H wooden crate, \$39, pbteen.com



Grand Portage 15"W x 15"D x 23%2"H seagrass bin, \$50, landsend.com

Low 14"H x 20"-diameter rope bin in orange, \$88, serenaandlily.com

14"W x 22"D x 11"H Bi-Box, \$12, kis.it/en for stores







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to easter up your house

Get your home hopping with these pretty adorable ideas.

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Make a "cheep" ribbon wreath

Tie 8-inch pieces of grosgrain ribbon around a wire wreath form until it's full. Roost baby yellow chenille chicks around the circle with hot glue.

WREATH FORM: 10" double rail ring, \$2, mainewreathco.com CHICKS: $2^{1}\!\!/_{\!4}$ " chenille chicks, \$3 for a set of 3, factorydirectcraft.com



Whip up holiday pancakes

Place Easter-shaped molds on a preheated pan and fill with batter. When the bottom of the pancakes are set, remove the molds by their handles, then flip them to finish cooking.

MOLDS: Easter mini pancake molds, \$15 for a set of 3, williams-sonoma.com



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Style a pretty place setting

Dye eggs, then use a hole punch to cut circles from adhesive white label paper (available at office supply stores). Peel the backing off each dot and stick it to the egg. Nestle it in a faux nest, available at crafts stores.

NEST: 3" natural bird's nests, \$14.50 for 12, factorydirectcraft.com



WREATH, PANCAKES: PHILIP FRIEDMAN/STUDIO D



Use a cute-as-a-button pot

Invite the Easter bunny in via this sweet moss-covered pot. Add a bunch of fresh daffodils, snipped about 6 inches long so the blooms just peek out the top of the container.

TOPIARY POT: Moss-covered bunny with 5" pot, \$16, save-on-crafts.com

Nest eggs in a vase

Line the bottom of a clear, footed vessel with a few fern fronds—find them at the florist or in many supermarket bouquets—so the leaves rest against the sides of the glass. Nestle a pile of eggs, dyed different shades of blue, in the leaves.

VASE: Amfora, \$20, jamaligarden.com





Drizzle-dye eggs

Mix red and blue egg dye to make purple. Drip the dye over the egg from a teaspoon so it streaks down the sides. Repeat, holding the egg at different angles.

FOOTED BOWLS: Try eBay for a variety of colors and styles.



String a paint chip garland

Pick paint sample cards that are at least 3 inches by 2 inches. Using an oval paper punch, cut egg shapes, making sure two of the palette's colors are in each cutout. Then use a hole punch to make two holes at the top of each egg. String eggs together with twine, and hang.

PAPER PUNCH: Paper Shapers large oval, \$14, joann.com TWINE: Divine Twine in green apple, \$15, whiskergraphics.com





Send guests home with a treat

Paint small terra-cotta pots with pastel chalkboard paint, then write a name on each with white chalk. Fill containers with shredded paper and chocolate bunnies.

PAINT: Martha Stewart Crafts chalkboard paint in green and blue, \$6 for 6 ounces, Michaels stores

CHOCOLATE: Placesetting milk-chocolate Easter bunny, \$4 each, lakechamplainchocolates.com

POTS: 3" terra-cotta clay pots, \$1 each, starnursery.com



Gold-dip a dozen

Tint eggs bright pink using neon dye. Let dry, then dunk into gold craft paint. Let gold paint dry, then show them off in a pretty egg tray.

DYE: McCormick neon food color and egg dye, \$3.50 for a set of 4 colors, walmart.com

PAINT: Anita's metallic acrylic craft paint in classic gold, \$1.50 for 2 ounces, hobbylobby.com

EGG TRAY: Egg platter, \$20, crateandbarrel.com



Glitz up wooden eggs

Coat the top half of each egg with a thick layer of white glue, then sprinkle with glitter. Let dry, then apply glue and glitter to each egg's bottom half. Looks cute perched on the front steps in a wicker basket!

EGGS: $3^{1/4}$ " and $4^{1/4}$ " wood goose eggs, from \$2 each, craftparts.com GLITTER: Fine glitter in tourmaline, emerald, yellow barite, and turquoise, \$5.50 for $1^{1/2}$ ounces, marthastewartcrafts.com



Fill mini milk bottles with these candies, then set them on bunny dessert stands. Sweet!

DESSERT STANDS: \$49.50 (large), and \$14.50 (small), both potterybarn.com

MILK BOTTLES: Farmstand, \$30 for a set of 12, shopsweetlulu.com

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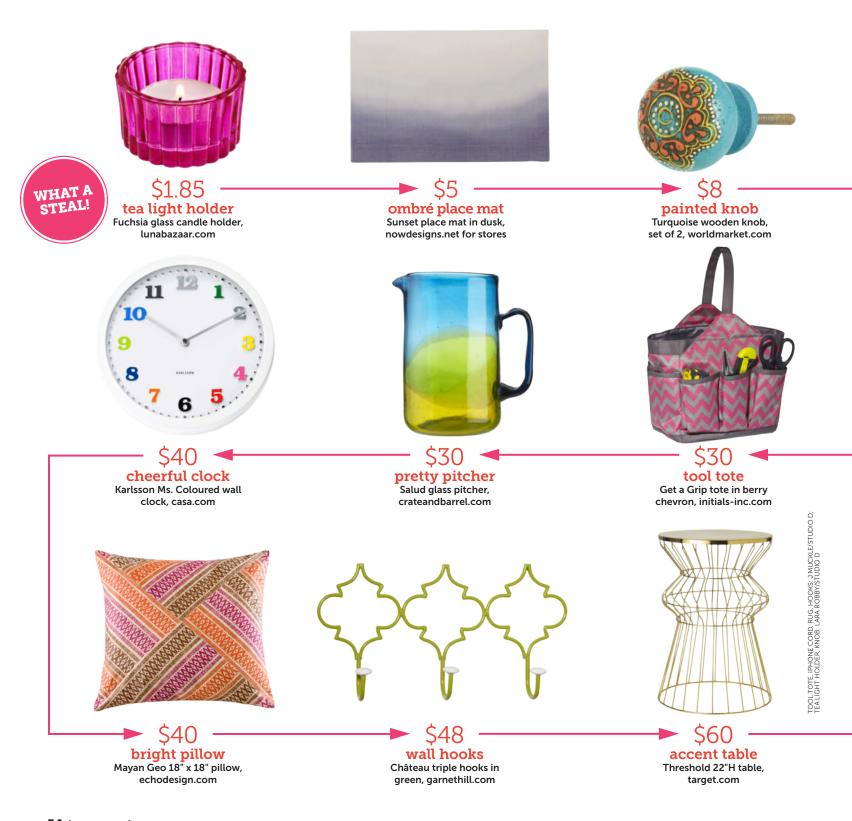
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The living room from Happily Divorced

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he premise of this show might be unusual (a wife discovers her husband is gay; they break up but can't afford to live separately), but the show's living room is totally relatable. "We gave it a really comfortable, upbeat look," says production designer Brandy Alexander. She "auditioned a lot of sofas" before customizing a cushy white one with coral piping, which set the tone for the trellis-patterned rug and poppy pillows. "Fran's character is a floral designer, so we brought in botanical drapes, seagrass chairs, and a garden stool," adds Alexander. And because the exes are back on the dating scene, there's also an extra seating area in front of the fireplace for suitors!



ceramic stool Cloud garden stool, \$180, hsn.com



striped chair

Louis XV Salon chair in Sunbrella canopy stripe taupe and sand, \$679, ballarddesigns.com





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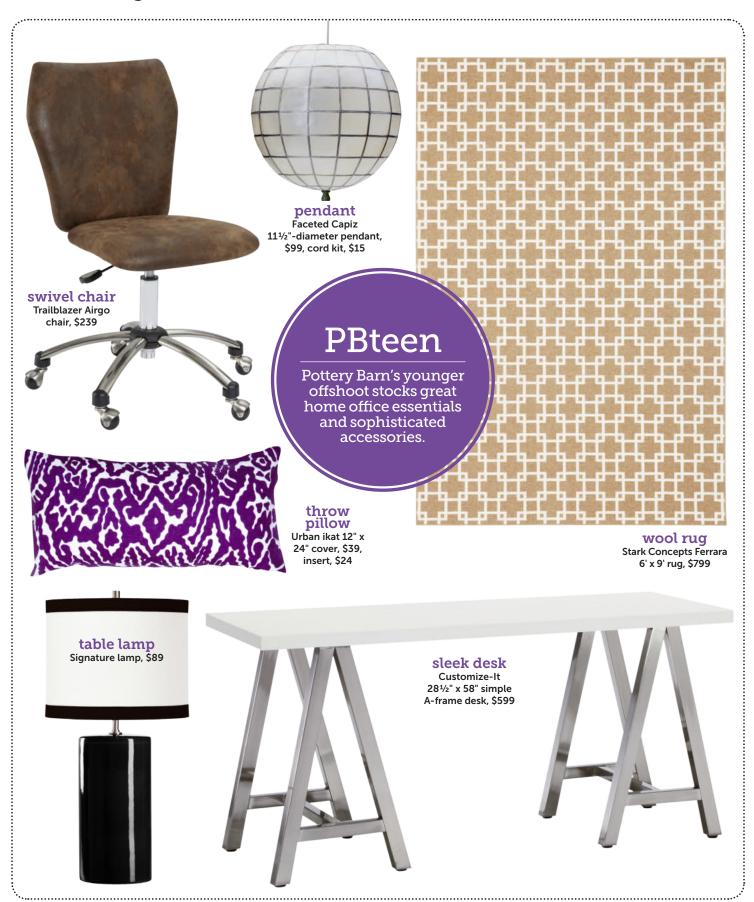


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"i'm obsessed

VIOLET

A plum with some warm gray in it is so subtle, it's almost a neutral. It's beautiful in a bedroom or bathroom with white or gray accents. Choose an eggshell finish for a sophisticated look. —Taniya Nayak, House Hunters

on Vacation

Green with a little zing makes a room feel alive! Try it on all the walls of a family room or bedroom, with camel, chocolate, or charcoal furniture and curtains. In an entryway, hallway, or other small space, go for a high-gloss finish. -Vern Yip,

HGTV Design Star

SUPERSOFT LAVENDER

Lavender is soothing, like a big teddy bear, but it also feels romantic, especially in a bedroom, with black, white, and silver accessories. Or if you want a brighter look, pair it with coral or orange. (-Emily Henderson, Secrets From a Stylist

Warm yellow makes bedrooms and living rooms so cozy. Try it on walls with off-white drapes and antique gold or brass accents.

SASSY RED

A little red goes a long way! I like it on dining room walls, or in a high-gloss sheen on dressers, nightstands, and kitchen cabinets. It brings life to old, tired pieces. David Bromstad,

HGTV Design Star





with this color"

HGTV stars share the paint shade they're loving and how they use it.



TRY THESE PAINT COLORS!



sassy red





Blazer by



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buttery yellow

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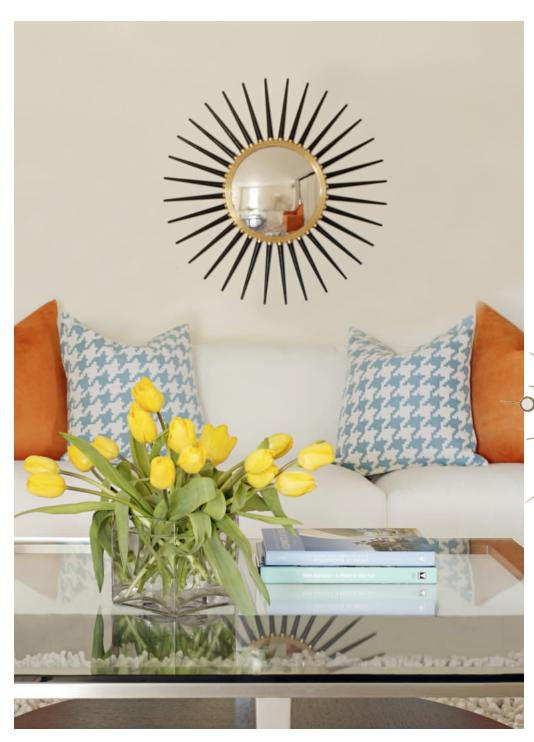
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a starburst mirror

Why it always works: What do designers turn to when they have a blank wall to fill? A starburst (a.k.a. sunburst) mirror. It looks right at home in just about any room: in a living room over a sofa or mantel, in a bedroom on top of a headboard, even in a powder room above the sink. Hang a big statement-making one alone, or group a few small starbursts together like a mini collection—just keep the finishes the same.



Suzanne Kasler Sunburst 25½"-diameter mirror #3, \$149, ballarddesigns.com

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a farmhouse table

Why it always works: The winningest table for a kitchen or dining room? That's easy: farmhouse. Talk about a go-with-anything style! Depending on the chairs you put around it, this rectangular favorite can look country, classic, or even a little edgy. It's usually made of pine or teak—both of which look better as they age—and the base can be painted or natural wood.

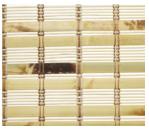


a bamboo window shade

Why it always works: Dense enough to block out the sun and provide privacy but airy enough to let filtered light in, it's no wonder bamboo and bamboo-style shades are a top-choice window treatment. They're a cinch to order (even online in custom sizes) and easier to clean than mini blinds, since they're made of one big woven panel. And compared to fabric drapes? Hands down more affordable.



Bamboo shades in Singapore umber, from \$61.50, selectblinds.com



Levolor roman shade in natural bamboo, from \$36, lowes.com



Premium woven wood shades in St. Martin cappuccino, from \$100, americanblinds.com







Adesso Harvest 15"-diameter pendant in natural linen, \$67, bellacor.com



Colored 16"-diameter pendant in spa blue, \$149, shadesoflight.com



Quoizel 4 Light Zen jumbo 22"-diameter pendant, \$280, atgstores.com

a drum shade pendant

Why it always works: It's hard to find a room where a simple drum shade pendant won't look good. Hang one over a kitchen table or above an island, put one on either side of a bed instead of lamps, try it in an entryway, or pick one in a color for a kid's room. The shades are available in lots of materials, from linen and woven rattan to various metal finishes. Bonus: Changing the single lightbulb is simple, and cleaning the shade is too—just dust around the exterior. No crevices!

a mirrored nightstand

Why it always works:

Wake up a tired bedroom with one of these pretty little tables, reminiscent of 1930s glamour. Sure, the mirrored surface looks special, but remember, mirror is a neutral, so you can pull it off with any color scheme. If you want mirrored nightstands on either side of the bed, choose two simple styles, and keep the bedding minimal. There is such a thing as too much glam, after all!





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a parsons table

Why it always works: It's a dining table. It's a coffee table. It's an entry table. It's a desk. Talk about a piece that wears many hats! And with its no-frills style (the only extra you may find is a narrow drawer), it fits right in with whatever furniture's around it. For a warm look, pick a table in solid wood or covered in grass cloth. On the flip side, a shiny, high-gloss painted finish reads cool and sleek.





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an x-bench

Why it always works: Meet the king of versatility. Tucked neatly under a console, scooted out for extra seating, or sitting pretty at the foot of a bed, an x-bench always looks sharp. And it's not just the interesting base that scores points with designers. You can have an x-bench upholstered in just about any fabric, so it slides seamlessly into a room.



Noir Edu 30"W x 18"D x 18"H ottoman, \$612, laylagrayce.com



 $20\frac{1}{4}$ "W x $20\frac{1}{2}$ "D x 21"H x-bench in Malabar coral, \$349, ballarddesigns.com



Sunpan Modern Modesto bonded leather 24"W x 16"D x 18"H bench, \$300, wayfair.com



\$162, allmodern.com



the high/low list

With **Sabrina Soto**, host of *The High Low Project*, we pulled together some dynamic duos with drastically different price tags.

Natural bamboo handles are lacquered for a glossy look and feel.

Bamboo 5-piece place setting, juliska.com



Faux bamboo resin handles are backyard-friendly.

5-piece place setting, casparionline.com



This orange-blossomand-fig-scented candle is made from cleanburning natural wax.

Illume Boho Mediterranean candle, laylagrayce.com

Burns for 70 hours with a fresh passion fruit fragrance.

Ikat tumbler candle, worldmarket.com





The linen-blend top and intricately turned legs look rich in a living room.

Julian tufted 18" x 491/2" bench, garnethill.com



a real beauty. Check out the nailhead trim, too.

Chesterfield tufted 18" x 48" ottoman, grandinroad.com

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It's wired for a three-way bulb, so put this lamp in a spot where you want different degrees of light.

> Haeger Potteries large Bristol lamp in saffron, lampsplus.com



A crisp white cotton shade brightens the bulb's glow.

> Gumball lamp in yellow, landofnod.com



\$225

Velvet polka dots are a soft touch on this down-filled pillow.

Geo 20" x 20" pillow, dransfieldandross.biz for stores



Metallic threads add sparkle to this chenille and polyester look-alike.

Houndstooth Spheres 18" x 18" pillow in pink, pillowdecor.com



\$749

A solid granite top and brass knob details make this little table luxe.

Directoire 261/4"H x 20"-diameter table, globalviews.com for stores



The top is removable and the base folds for easy stashing.

Metal 251/4"H x 14"-diameter accordion table, urbanoutfitters.com





Give a bookshelf a hit of glam safari with this metal-coated ceramic rhino.

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spots, big ideas

Every inch of this 400-square-foot apartment (yes, that's the whole apartment) is packed with style. Makes you want to downsize, right?

MEET THE COUPLE



Roxy Te Owens, founder of Society Social, a furniture and accessories line (shopsocietysocial.com); and her husband, Alan Owens, an engineer

HOMETOWN: New York, NY

THE CHALLENGE: To fit as much cute, practical stuff as they can in a small home without making it look cluttered. "My secret is trays, trays, and more trays!" Roxy says. "When you put a pile of stuff on one, it instantly looks neat and stylish—even if you're just stacking remotes."

BIG IDEA

SMALL-SCALE FURNITURE

There's no point trying to cram a mammoth sofa into a living room that measures just 11½ feet by 11½ feet. "If we'd gone with a typical overstuffed couch, we wouldn't have had space to walk!" says Roxy. Instead, she chose an off-white two-seater from her own line, Society Social, that's 77 inches long, 34 inches deep, and 36 inches tall. The coffee table is actually two end tables placed next to each other. When guests come over, the tables can scoot out of the way for more room. A lower shelf on each table means twice the storage—another clever way to sneak in extra space.



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BIG IDEA

A SHELF TURNED COUNTERTOP

On a living room wall, Roxy installed a 12-inch-deep painted wood shelf from a hardware store. It not only holds pieces like frames and vases but also serves as a vanity table for Roxy's morning makeup routine. "The living room gets as much light as our bathroom, but it has more space, so I figured, Why not?" Don't be scared of wallpaper, even in a tight space. "Think of it like a big piece of art," says Roxy. She used Chairs in red by Thibaut above her counter.







Clear stools get strutted out for parties when they're not being used with the makeshift vanity.

BIG IDEA

A DOUBLE-DUTY TABLE

"I love a bar cart, but I didn't want to choose between one and a side table," says Roxy. Rather than sacrificing one of her favorite pieces, she put the cart to work next to the couch holding a lamp, books, and knickknacks on its top shelf, and bar basics on the bottom.





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BIG IDEA

A MINI HOME OFFICE

An 8-foot-wide wall in Roxy and Alan's bedroom serves as a work space. The lacquered desk from World Market and curvy gold chair with a floral seat are pretty enough for a bedroom. A bookcase that goes to the ceiling—rather than stopping short—makes a small room feel bigger. Roxy's shelves hold a mix of office file boxes, trinkets, nail polish, and jewelry: a half-work, half-play station.

BIG IDEA

FREED-UP FLOOR SPACE

The small metal shelf, a \$10 flea market find that Roxy spray-painted gold, is mounted on the wall, so it doesn't take up room like a nightstand would. Roxy also went vertical with the lighting, choosing a clip-on lamp from The Land of Nod. "If they made clip-on vases, I'd have one of those, too!" she says. The Tempaper wallpaper (Peonies in Gold Leaf) is like a giant removable decal—it can easily be peeled off, perfect for rental living.





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vern knows side tables

HGTV Design Star judge Vern Yip shares his top tips for choosing the right piece.

> A handy little bottom shelf.



Renard 27½"-H x 19½"-diameter table, \$179, ballarddesigns.com

ust about any table that, well, sits to the side of a piece of furniture can be considered a side table. You'll most often find one in a living room, by a sofa or chair. But depending on its height, you can also use one as a nightstand or as a coffee table in a small room. And because they aren't big anchor pieces, side tables are a great place to add color or texture. Here are some pointers for finding one (or two or three) for your space.

1. One height doesn't fit all. If you're using it with a chair or sofa, a side table works best when it's no lower than an inch or two below the arm of the seat it's next to. A standard sofa arm is around 24 inches tall, so aim for a table about that height. If you're pairing a side table with a chair that has a shorter arm than a sofa, or if you want to use the table as a stool, pick one that's shorter—more like 16 to 20 inches. If it's going to serve as an entryway piece, choose one that's 27 to 30 inches tall.

2. Side table widths and diameters vary a lot too, from 10 inches (or

sometimes even less) and up, but I like a surface width that's at least 18 inches across. Anything smaller isn't quite as functional. If you're putting a standard-size lamp on the table, you'll need one that's at least 22 inches in diameter.

3. For a living room with a lot of upholstered pieces, I like side tables that are sleek and simple. The table's clean lines balance out the other furniture's softness. Some smart choices: glass, acrylic, metal, and wood without much carving. If your furniture is modern, you can go with something more ornate.



Journey Trading Co. Houston 18"-H x 16"-diameter table, \$480, allmodern.com



Arland 26"W x 26"D x 24"H table, \$299, broyhillfurniture.com for stores



Adams 23"-H x 18"-diameter table, \$349, roomandboard.com



Martini 16½"-H x 15"-diameter table, \$149, westelm.com



Tini II 8"W x 18"D x 20"H table in fireworks and zig zag, \$485, oomphonline.com



Martini 25"-H x 20"-diameter spool table, \$439, hgtvhomefurniture.com for stores



Smart $17\frac{3}{4}$ "W x $17\frac{3}{4}$ "D x 19"H table, \$149, cb2.com



Elisha 24"-H x 15½"-diameter table, \$229, ethanallen.com

- **4. Think about the surface.** Ceramic, stone, and glass tops are good for holding drinks since you don't need coasters. Wood- or fabric-top tables are fine for displaying knickknacks or resting books and remotes on.
- **5. Round and oval tables are pretty much no-fail.** They add another shape to a room that typically has a lot of rectangular pieces, like a sofa, coffee table, and chairs.
- 6. Side tables can control clutter!

If you need extra storage space, choose

one with an open shelf on the bottom to hold books or games, or one with a combination of shelves and doors to hide your DVDs or electronics.

7. The number of side tables you need in a room depends on the amount of seating you have and the room's size. Any sofa or chair can have its own side table, or two seats can share one. Let's say you have a sofa with two chairs facing it plus a coffee table. I would put one side table between the two chairs and two other side tables on either end of the sofa, if the room is big enough.

- **8. Since side tables aren't the center of attention,** you can be more daring with them than with big furniture. I love tables in bright colors, or ones with curvy legs. One thing I'd avoid is an elaborate side table next to a sofa with a bold pattern.
- 9. One pair of identical side tables in a room is fine, but if you have more than two tables, don't match the rest. Do stick with a similar look, though: Maybe all the tables are made of warm wood, like oak and walnut, or they could all have brushed nickel or bronze accents. Having one trait in common will keep the look cohesive.



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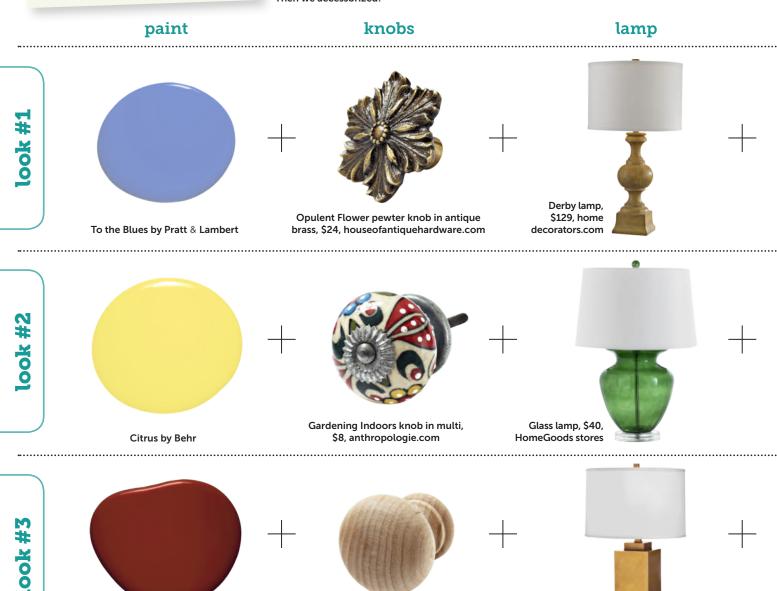
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Colorful Folk Art Flock 4½" bird, \$34 for a mixed set of 3, wisteria.com



Bamboo 8" vase in coral, \$40, middlekingdom porcelain.com for stores; Frosted glass 4" vase in fuchsia, \$3, lunabazaar.com



Cydney 6' x 9' wool rug in ivory, \$1,130, companyc.com



Large Scribble brass 4¹/₄" bird, \$25, lazysusanusa.com



Lina 5¹/₄" vase, \$17, Lina 8" vase, \$20, both crateandbarrel.com



Hot House Spring 5' x 8' wool rug, \$434, dashandalbert.com



Papier-mâché 9³/₄" bird in Bahaman sea blue, \$48, straydogdesigns.com



Small Ripple $5\frac{1}{2}$ " vase, \$38, jonathanadler.com; Elongated $11\frac{1}{2}$ " vase in tide pool, \$24, westelm.com



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real estate spy



Found! A 19th-century farmhouse. "I've always wanted to live in one," says Andrea Dekker, below with her husband, Dave, and their daughter, Nora.

"we bought our house on craigslist!"

Steal secrets from one couple who used the online marketplace for the biggest purchase and sale of their life.

ndrea Dekker is proud to admit she's a Craigslist fanatic. She bought nearly everything in her Michigan home through the marketplace website, from her kitchen table to her bedroom furniture. "I find the best deals on Craigslist, so it's the first place I look," says Andrea, 27, a professional organizer and blogger (simpleorganizedliving.com). But her search-and-click shopping didn't stop at dressers and chairs. She also scooped up her actual house online—for way less than the asking price. Andrea and her husband, Dave, a high school math teacher, bought their 19th-century farmhouse a few months after it first popped up online. They also sold their old house on Craigslist—without a real estate agent. Andrea walked us through the process.







our top 10 dream house checklist

- a big front porch
- ✓ lots of room for entertaining
- ✓ white siding with green shutters
- 4 bedrooms and 3 baths
- √ a 3-car garage
- √ a separate office area
- √ a main-floor laundry room
- √ at least 1 acre
- ✓ some type of outbuilding
- ✓ a long driveway with a turnaround

May 20, 2010 Our 1960s 3-bedroom, 1½-bath ranch in Grandville, MI, has plenty of space for Dave and me. But I've always wanted to renovate and live in an old farmhouse. While scouring Craigslist, I find a beautiful 2,500-squarefoot, 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom farmhouse only 10 minutes from where we live. Built in 1890, it sits on an acre of land. Unfortunately, it's too expensive-\$215,000, plus \$15,000 for an adjoining lot. We don't want to pay more than \$170,000, and from the photos of the interior, it looks like we'd have to spend a lot more to update it.

August 17 I've been on Craigslist every day, but I've avoided looking at the farmhouse since I know we can't afford it. But today I can't help myself, so I click on the link. The owners have reduced

the price to \$200,000. Sadly, it's still a lot more than we're willing to spend.

August 19 I email the owners of the farmhouse. Why not? It can't hurt to talk to them. I find out the house has been on the market for months. The owners had been working with a Realtor, but when he couldn't sell it, they decided to put the house on Craigslist. They haven't had any offers so far. This is a good sign, I think, and I ask if I can come by to see it.

August 20 Dave and I visit the house. Although the outside is perfect, the inside needs fixing up. We make a lowball offer of \$170,000, and the owners look at us like we're crazy. We're not surprised. But the house has been on the market for a while.

September 2 Shocked! The owners call and say they'll sell us the house for \$180,000. A much better price, but not good enough. It has to be \$170,000 so we have enough money to renovate. Oh well. It was exciting while it lasted.

September 30 We get another call—the owners are willing to accept our bid of \$170,000. They're worried they won't get another offer. Plus they'll throw in the small lot next door. We're thrilled! Now we have to sell our house.



Sold! The Dekker's first home.

October 2 & 3 The phone starts ringing almost immediately. Prospective buyers come to see the house and we get three offers, one of which is all cash

October 5 We accept the all-cash offer of \$131,000, and take a good faith deposit of \$10,000 from a soon-to-be-married couple. I call the owners of the farmhouse, fill them in on our good news, then arrange to have

an inspection done on the farmhouse.

October 13 The home inspector finds a few minor problems—the brick on the chimney needs patching, and a bathroom pipe needs replacing. The owners say they're happy to make the repairs, and we give them a \$1,000 deposit.

October 28 The negotiations have gone smoothly. All parties have agreed on everything! We hire a buyer's agent [see box at right] to look over the paperwork that the sellers have drafted and make sure everything is in order.

December 18 Move-in day!

Our new

dream

kitchen!



Their patience paid off. Because the Dekkers stuck to their \$170,000 offer, they had enough money to renovate the kitchen and update the living room with paint and new furniture.



TIPS FOR BUYING A HOUSE ONLINE

*SNIFF OUT SCAMS

Common sense will help you avoid swindlers' traps. Never wire money, and never pay for anything without seeing it in person. It's less risky to stay local, since you'll have better knowledge of the area and access to the sellers.

*DON'T GO ALONE

When you find a home you're interested in, be safe: Use Street View on Google Maps to check out the property, drive by it before scheduling a viewing, speak with the seller on the phone, and bring a family member or friend (or two) when you tour the house.

*HIRE A BUYER'S AGENT

A buyer's agent will review your contract and help with the closing. He's paid a portion of the seller's agent's commission, so you get his real estate savvy without dipping into your pocket. If the seller isn't using an agent, you'll need to negotiate a fee.

-Torrie Hardcastle

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what would the property brothers do?

Real estate agent **Drew Scott** and licensed contractor **Jonathan Scott** answer your remodeling questions.

I'm thinking of turning an upstairs bedroom into a master bath, which would leave my home with 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. Is this a good idea for resale, or are bedrooms more desirable?

-Karen Heywood, Peabody, MA

DREW: Many people feel bedrooms are more valuable, but I'd argue that a 3-bedroom, 3-bathroom home is very attractive to families, and a great master bath could give you the edge when you want to sell.

Buyers love a spalike bathroom with a deepsoak tub, dual sinks, and a rain showerhead. Just make sure the layout

maximizes the space. For example, if you can, put the tub on the wall opposite the door, and consider a floating vanity, which makes a bathroom feel bigger.

Can I install cabinets above the washer and dryer in my laundry room myself? I'm going to use stock cabinetry.

-Ivette Sanz Osso, Hillsdale, NJ

JONATHAN: This is absolutely a do-it-yourself job, and prefab cabinets will work great for a laundry room. Note where your electrical and water lines are to prevent puncturing them, and be sure the cabinets are anchored directly into studs. Some major retailers, such as The Home Depot, have free videos online that



We're preparing to sell our home. What are some affordable renovations that can raise the value?

-Lindy Wyar-Mishler, Johnstown, PA

JONATHAN: I'd recommend small updates around the house. Three big payoffs: Paint the walls, refinish the floors, and buy a few new pieces of furniture.

DREW: Also consider adding a walk-in closet in the master bedroom, and new sconces or pendants to improve lighting.

Staging is key too. Hide cords, get piles off the floor, and limit bookshelf items to three or fewer per shelf. Then clear out closets and put back just the essentials.

We want to replace the dingy carpet in our family room and hallway with porcelain tile so it'll be easier to keep the floor clean. But will tile be too cold in the winter?

-Janet Faust, Kechi, KS

JONATHAN: Tile is cold underfoot, but if you want it, you could install an electric radiant heat system underneath to warm the floor. It does increase your energy bills a little, so you may not want to do it throughout the entire living room. Depending on the size of the area you want to heat, the kit will cost between \$300 and \$700, plus installation.

DREW: I'd suggest something warmer, like hardwood, or laminate, which is more scratch-resistant. Then put a good-size area rug in the family room for extra warmth.

How can you tell if a wall is load-bearing and can't be knocked down?

-Julie Lechner, Grand Island, NE

JONATHAN: It's best to consult a contractor. Every project is different, and there can be unique structural factors that make seemingly non-load-bearing walls quite the opposite. The only way for the pro to tell without opening up a ceiling or wall is to crawl into your attic, where he'll check for things like whether the joists, the boards that act as supports, cross perpendicularly over the wall in question. If so, there's a good chance it's load-bearing.

DREW: I would also add that any wall *can* be removed, even a load-bearing one—it's just more expensive.

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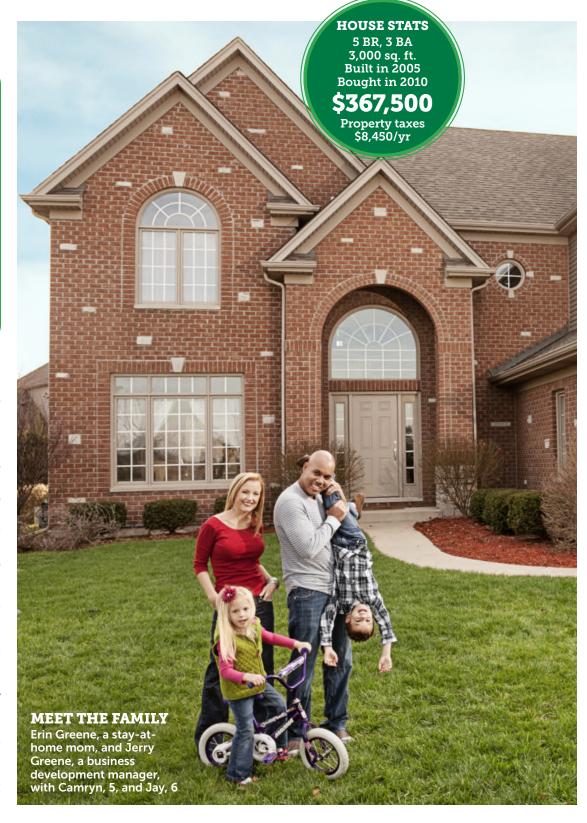
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Retro painted desk

THE REHAB: This piece was in pretty good shape, except it had some stubborn old stickers on a drawer. We used Goo Gone to remove them, and concealed any nicks with a wood conditioner (both available at hardware stores). To play up the desk's midcentury modern style, we painted the drawer fronts lemon and lime, then added satin nickel pulls.

THE SALE: We originally listed the desk at \$225 but didn't get any bites. We dropped the price to \$175 and, voilà, it sold on Etsy in six days.

THE PROFIT: \$115

PAINT: From top: June Day and Sassy Green, both by HGTV HOME by Sherwin-Williams DRAWER PULLS: Sumner Street 1¹/₄" satin nickel symmetry rectangular knobs, \$3 each, lowes.com





Color-block bookcase

THE REHAB: After filling nicks and holes with spackling putty, we sanded the piece. Using sample jars of paint—just \$5 each—we gave it a fresh coat of white around the sides and top, then color-blocked the shelves with three bright hues.

THE SALE: It took almost a month for this bookcase to find a buyer. Once we updated the description, suggesting it would be "perfect for a kid's or teen's room," we got more inquiries—and eventually sold it on eBay. Lesson learned: Give potential customers ideas about how to use a piece to draw them in.

THE PROFIT: \$10

PAINT: From top: Cloud Nine (white), Rejuvenate, Exuberant Pink, and Gulfstream, all by Sherwin-Williams



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Patterned dresser

THE REHAB: The campaignstyle drawer pulls and brackets on this chest of drawers were keepers, but the rest needed a major update. After coating the wood in orchid-hued paint, we decoupaged textured paper over the front of the drawers and coated them with a clear sealer.

THE SALE: Our willingness to negotiate really paid off on this transaction! We first listed the dresser for \$225 but didn't have many bidders. After a few weeks, we dropped it to \$150—which led to a bidding war on eBay, and one lucky buyer!

THE PROFIT: \$125

PAINT: Orchid Kiss by Behr PAPER: Flocked Aubergine Khazana fine paper, \$5 per 22" x 30" sheet, paper-source.com





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THE SALE: This cabinet's fancy hardware and versatile size made it our most looked-at piece (we know because all the sites we used track product views—very handy for sellers). Because we could see it was so popular, we never considered dropping the price, which was a smart move. After about a week, it sold for the full amount.

THE PROFIT: \$99

PAINT: Baltic Blue (outside) and Sunwashed Blue (inside), both by Ralph Lauren Paint PULLS: 3" Mission solid brass rings, \$13 each, lookintheattic.com



SECRETS TO SELLING

Making money off redos can get tricky. Here's how to be a savvy seller.

Come up with a cute name

All sites require a seller ID—give yours a catchy name and logo to draw more attention. We called ours The Sheffield Vintage and created a logo that conjured up the stylish, DIY look we wanted.



Sell on more than one site

Expand your reach by setting up shop in multiple places. We posted all of our projects on online marketplaces ebay.com, etsy.com, and furnishly.com (a Craigslist-style site for furniture). Or go offline and try local flea markets.

Price it right

Look up what sellers with products similar to yours are charging. Listing your items too high could get you passed over.

Be very descriptive

When providing info about your products, offer plenty of details, including dimensions, finishes, and materials. If you don't tell potential buyers up front, they'll ask later or just move on.

Post at least five pics

And make them good! That means clear, well-lit photos with plain backdrops and different angles, including close-ups.

Be patient

It can take months to make your first sale. Some of our items didn't move for what felt like ages. We used that time to tweak our listings to attract more buyers, and we eventually sold everything we rescued!

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room redo for a hero

Navy Corpsman Micah Ambrose returned from Afghanistan with the goal of becoming a doctor. He needed a place at home to study, so we turned a spare room into a comfy office.

t sounds like a story straight out of a movie: Navy Corpsman Micah Ambrose and his buddies are visiting New York City during Fleet Week 2010. Maryrose Pichkur, a high school teacher, sees the guys standing outside a restaurant and thanks them for their service. The casual compliment turns into a date with Micah, and that date leads to an engagement. But a week after the proposal, Micah, a trained medic, is deployed to Afghanistan. "He wrote to me as often as he could," says Maryrose. "But the letter that stands out the most is the one where he described stabilizing a Marine who lost both his legs in a roadside bomb. Micah kept the man calm for more than an hour, until they were rescued by helicopter." Later the Marine named his son after Micah.

The life-changing experience helped Micah set the course for a career after the service. "I always knew I wanted to be an ER doctor, but that day sealed my plans," he says.

It was love at first sight: the couple's engagement photo in August 2011.

Four months after the roadside bomb, Micah returned home, and he and Maryrose began planning their wedding. A few months later, they bought their first home, a 1918 3-bedroom house in Floral Park, NY. Micah started prepping for the medical school entrance exams, but he didn't have a convenient place to study. "He did his homework at the dining room table and kept his textbooks in the trunk of his car," says Maryrose. That's when HGTV Magazine entered the scene.



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Maui houndstooth jute 7'6" x 9'5" rug in orange, rugsusa.com

accessories -Desk supplies, poppin.com

Hughes pine 64" x 30" desk, fourhands .com for stores wastebasket
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fan-

Celino cherry and oil-brushed bronze fan, kichler.com for stores

shade -

Tropical Isle bamboo shade, selectblinds.com



pillow -

Cross cotton 16" x 16" pillow, jonathanadler.com

lights -

L'auto Extender sconces, gohomeltd .com for buying info

daybed -

New Canaan 37½" x 90" daybed in Sunbrella canvas azure, ballarddesigns.com

the redo details

Micah often studies late into the night, so a daybed for napping made sense. This one, covered in durable blue canvas, has a masculine, boxy shape. He can use the vintage bedside hospital table as a laptop stand. The nautical map of Manhattan—a reminder of where the couple met—was nabbed on Etsy for \$79, and we made the wall shelves using reclaimed wood and copper pipes from The Home Depot.



Before the makeover, Micah's office was a spare bedroom that got little use.

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a special thank you! The following vendors donated products to outfit Micah's new office: Ballard Designs, CB2, The Container Store, Four Hands, Go Home, Jonathan Adler, Kichler, Lee Industries, Poppin, Rugs USA, and Select Blinds. For shopping sources, see page 162.

shelving Elfa custom storage, containerstore.com

the redo details

This backless seven-shelf bookcase, tucked between the room's entrance door and closet, is deep enough for thick medical books and binders, but narrow enough that it doesn't jut out into the room. For extra storage, we lined the inside of the closet walls with shelves for more textbooks, school supplies, and shoes.

One happy student. "It's hard to get Micah out of his new office," says Maryrose.



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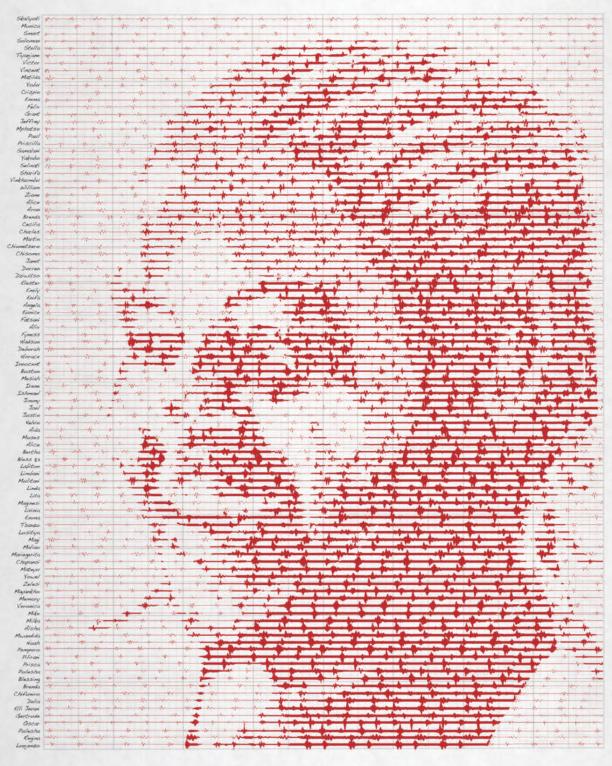
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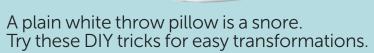


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10 things to do with



Use a potato masher to make this pattern.



Stamp it

With a makeup sponge, apply a thin coat of fabric paint to the head of a potato masher. Press it firmly onto the pillow cover, leaving about an inch between each stamp. Alternate single stamps with double ones (stamp in one direction, then the other on top of it). PAINT: Pébéo fabric

paint in butter cup, \$6,

dickblick.com

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ribbon trim

Measure about 4 inches from each edge of the case and mark with a disappearing-ink fabric pen, like Dritz Marking Pen (\$6.50, createforless .com). Cut a piece of ribbon 40 inches long. Use fabric glue to affix it along the marks you



made, folding at each corner to make a square. Repeat with a 32-inch piece of ribbon, then a 24-inch piece, spacing the squares about ½ inch apart.

RIBBON: Grosgrain, from \$0.50 per yard, mjtrim.com



Stitch on knots

Draw circles freehand, starting with the smallest one, using a disappearing-ink fabric pen. Thread an embroidery needle with embroidery yarn. Then sew French knots. For a step-by-step how-to, go to hgtv.com/french-knots. Here's the basic idea: Pierce the fabric from inside the case and pull

the thread through. Tightly wind the yarn around the needle three times. Insert half the needle through the fabric, next to the original hole, and pull the yarn taut to create a coil, then pull the needle through.

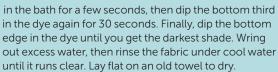
YARN: Trio by Brown Paper Packages, \$6, purlsoho.com



Dip-dve it

Wearing rubber gloves, make a dye bath, following the package's directions. Immerse two-

thirds of the case



DYE: Liquid in violet, \$4, ritdye.com



Machine-wash, dry, and iron the pillow cover first. Do your DIY magic, then stuff it with the insert. Pillow: 18" x 18" cotton twill cover, \$25, and firm 18" x 18" insert, \$18, both the company store.com.

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Glue on felt branches

Cut out tree branches freehand from brown felt. Affix them to the case with fabric glue (try Magna-Tac). Glue a cluster of buttons to the end of each limb.

FELT: Wool felt in fawn, \$8 for an 18" square, magiccabin.com BUTTONS: Monochromatic pink buttons, \$6.50 for a set of 63, orientaltrading.com



Monogram it

Coat a stencil with repositionable mounting spray adhesive (try Elmer's) so you can stick it to the center of the pillow. Use a makeup sponge to fill in the stencil with a craft paint that's safe on fabrics. Let dry, then peel off the stencil.



STENCIL: 10" monogram font, \$10 per letter, stencilease.com PAINT: Martha Stewart Crafts paint in Pond, \$2, Michaels stores



Iron on a photo

Find an image you like online or scan one in. (For vintage postcards, go to cardcow.com.) Use an editing program like Microsoft Word to flip the picture so you see its mirror image. Print it on

transfer paper, then iron it on the pillow, following the package's directions.

TRANSFER PAPER: Light Fabric Transfers for inkjet printers, \$22 for 12, avery.com



Draw on a butterfly pattern

Hold a cookie cutter in place with one hand, then trace dots around the outer edges with a fabric marker. Remove the cutter and use the marker to add details, like the butterflies' antennae.

COOKIE CUTTERS: Butterflies. \$1 each, surlatable.com MARKER: Marvy Fabric Brush marker in blue, \$3, dickblick.com







appliqués

Starting at one corner, iron on one appliqué at a time, following the package's directions. We used a paisley design made of rhinestones. APPLIQUÉS: From

\$0.80 each. createforless.com



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Cover it with silhouettes

Brush light-sensitive paint on the pillow cover, then immediately place your objects (we used skeleton keys) over the paint. Let the cover sit in the sun for as long as the package's directions suggest, then remove the objects to reveal the white fabric underneath. PAINT: Inkodye, \$12 for 4

ounces, lumi.com



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hen Rachna Patel and her husband, David, bought their Los Angeles home about two years ago, they embarked on a complete reno with Eric Olsen, their friend and architect. Starting with the kitchen, they brought all of the rooms in the 1954 house up to date. "We loved how it turned out," says Rachna, "but with black and gray floors, reclaimed wood, and metal fixtures, it felt dark and masculine. We needed help bringing in the prettiness." What Rachna had in mind, she realized, was exactly the sort of cheery style she'd seen on Emily Henderson's show, Secrets From a Stylist. So she shot the star an email asking if Emily was game for the job. Her reply: Yes!

Emily: When I first walked through the house with Rachna, I totally understood what she wanted. The industrial elements looked awesome, but the house seemed very "dude."

Rachna: Getting some color in was definitely one goal, but since we have a kid, I also told Emily I didn't want to be constantly worried about Eli getting hurt or breaking things.

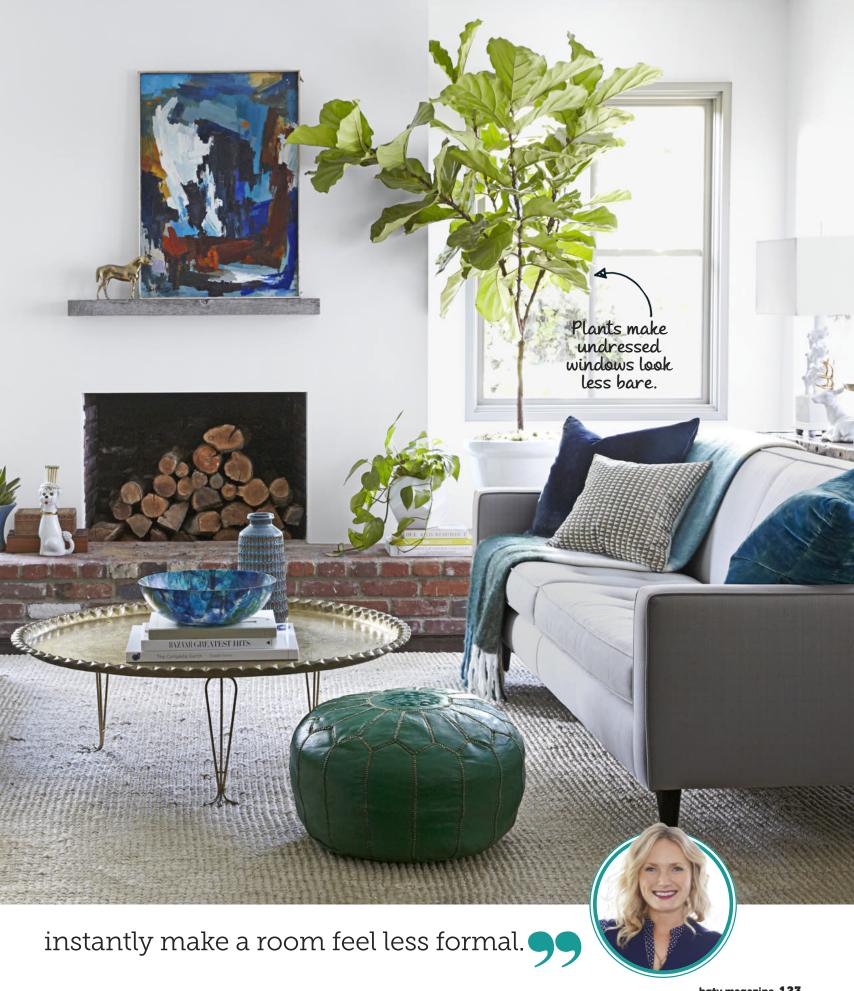
Emily: We talked about that a lot. It's one reason I chose the round brass coffee table. Brass is pretty much indestructible, so it's incredibly kid-friendly.

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The key to a great gallery wall is varying frame sizes. "Add one or two really big frames—like 16 inches by 20 inches—and an art wall immediately looks highend," says Emily. Then mix up the other sizes, and hang some horizontally, some vertically.









Why not use it in a playroom?





"With so many little cubbies, this could have become the priciest unit to style ever," says Emily. "I came up with the idea to use mason jars because they're inexpensive. We painted the insides by swirling around two coats of regular house paint. I was going crazy trying to pick five blues, then I thought, Why not just take five colors from the same paint strip?"

David: One of the pieces Rachna and I found on our own is an old hotel mail cabinet [above]. I imagined using it to store glasses in a bar area, but Rachna and Emily had a different idea. Rachna: We put it in the playroom, and I told Emily: "Fill this cheaply!"

Emily: They also had the blue chest. Rachna found it at a shop in Los Angeles, and it has names of Indian spices written on it, which we loved. At one point it was in the master bedroom, but it made perfect sense in the playroom filled with crayons and coloring books. The striped rug is from Dwell Studio. I picked it to keep the blue and yellow theme going.

Rachna: One thing I love about this room is you don't know if it's for a boy or a girl. We may have another child one day, and if we have a girl, we can keep everything exactly as it is.

David: Rachna and I decided on the chalkboard wall before Emily got started. We liked the idea, but it looked like a big black hole.

Emily: On such a huge expanse, chalkboard paint can look monolithic. That's why we needed all the brights.

house tours





the breakfast nook, and even the cushions. I love a good old-fashioned stripe, but it is conservative, so I added a mix of pillows, in different shades of blue, to help make it more fun. The shades are cordless, so you just push them up or pull them down.

David: At one point we considered getting rid of the nook entirely in favor of more counter space and That's where we store the stuff we registered for before our wedding and never use!

Emily: The pendants in the room were in place before I started working on the house, and they're pretty great. Same with the pull-down faucet. I focused attention on accessories, like the big round cutting board that brings some warmth to the space.

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Emily: Rachna really wanted a girly chandelier in the house, but it seemed out of place everywhere but the bedroom. I had actually posted a similar swagging chandelier photo on my blog and Rachna really liked it, so I did it for her, too.

Rachna: It's a clever alternative to a bedside lamp. Plus, since we didn't have to drill into the ceiling, we can easily change it out. I have a remote light switch on my nightstand to turn it on and off.

Emily: Dave's into the old-timey masculine look, so to make up for the frilly chandelier, we hung a vintage phone from a thrift store on one wall and put an old doctor's bag under the long bench. For above the bed, I found this "Smile" print on thecalmgallery .com for \$56. I wasn't sure what their reaction would be-luckily, it was a keeper.

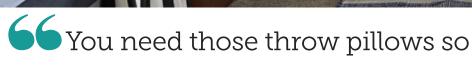
Rachna: I thought it was just sentimental enough for a bedroom without being cheesy. That's one

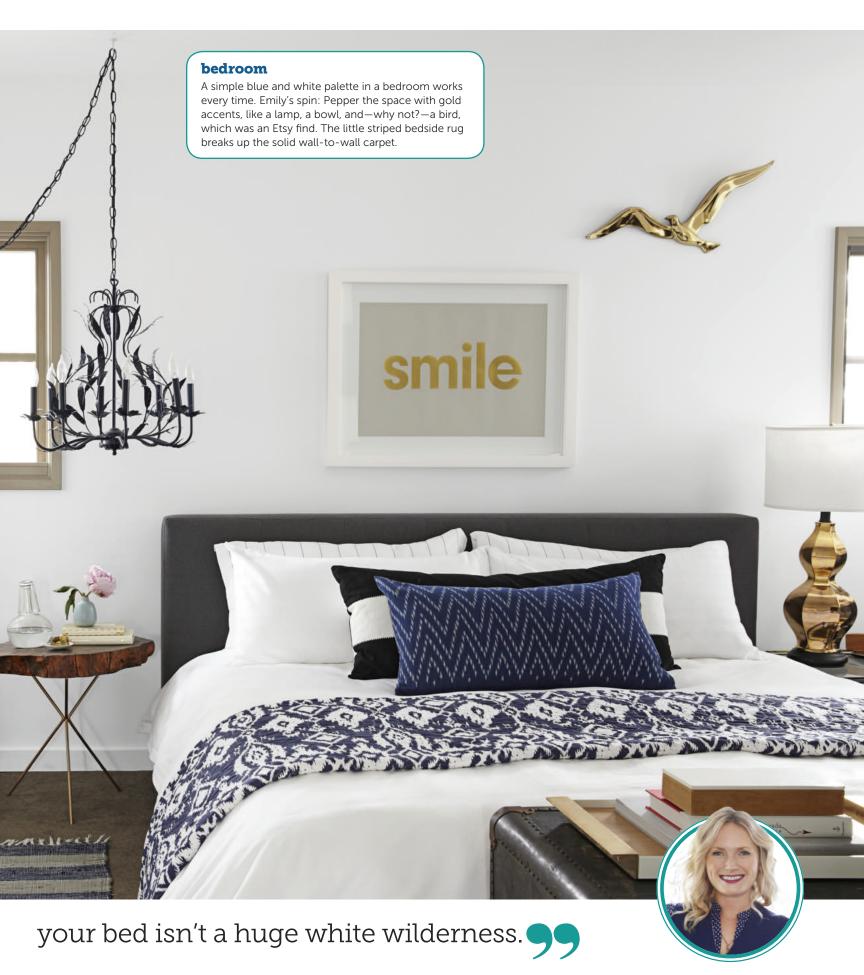
thing I really loved about working with Emily. Dave and I have a sense of humor, and Emily understood how to inject some fun around the house.

wooden dresser

The trick to styling a surface is to put out a mix of shapes and sizes. "And never underestimate the power of a horizontal stack of books with a knickknack on top!" says Emily. The "love" sign was a \$40 flea market find.









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ome designers pride themselves on their knack for creating trendy, of-the-moment spaces. But Caroline Brackett, an interior designer in Charlotte, NC, set out to do the exact opposite in her own home. "I wanted to love my house for a long time to come," she says. "I'd hate to look around in three years and say, "That's so dated!"

Peek inside her 1952 four-bedroom home and you immediately see what she means. Versatile furniture. Easy-tolive-with wall colors. Curtains, pillows, and bedspreads with patterns that won't look old-fashioned in a few months. Every room has a traditional vibe, yes, but that's not to say it's boring or bland! And even though Caroline wanted her home to have staying power, don't think for a second that she's opposed to a mini makeover every now and then. She'll replace a sofa pillow, rearrange the bookshelves, and swap out pictures on the walls. As she says, "Once you have the basics right, it's easier, and a lot less expensive, to make little changes."



"A sofa frame that can be recovered over and over and an antique rug are worth-it investments that will last forever," says Caroline. For a furniture setup that always works, put a pair of matching armchairs facing the sofa, with a rectangular coffee table in between. The windows are covered with her go-to treatment: solid panels and a box-pleat valance with a band.











DINING AREA

Just off the kitchen sits a pedestal table where the kids do crafts and the family eats dinner. For seating, a pair of wooden wishbone chairs from Pottery Barn face a curved settee upholstered in metallic vinyl for easy wipe-downs.

FAMILY ROOM

Such a big sectional would be expensive to recover, so Caroline had hers made in thick herringbone chenille that can stand up to constant use. For the heavily trafficked room, she chose stain-resistant wall-to-wall sea grass, plus a small Persian rug that's an easy swap-out. Bamboo shades cover the windows and glass doors. The built-in shelves are painted Iron Gate by Benjamin Moore.





MASTER BEDROOM

The master bedroom is centered around a cream-color upholstered sleigh bed that can be reupholstered down the road. "I'm imagining velvet one day," says Caroline. The orange wing chair is one of the most versatile pieces in the house: It's already lived in three different rooms. Neutral silk curtain panels can stay in place even if the paint color changes.

KIDS' ROOMS

"I try not to be too 'theme-y' in kids' rooms because they outgrow things so fast," says Caroline. When her son, Fin, wanted an airplane room, she compromised with easy trade-outs, like a vintage wooden propeller and a jet-pattern quilt. Josie's room has a daybed version of her parents' upholstered sleigh bed. The tree on the wall is an elaborate decal, which can be peeled off when it's overstayed its welcome.





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ost people have two priorities when they're designing a kitchen: counters and cabinets. But Kerri Hoyt-Pack didn't have either of those staples at the top of her reno list. She didn't care much for stainless steel or granite, either. Instead, she and her husband, Dan, outfitted their 216-square-foot Portland, OR, cook space with unconventional pieces that you might say defy standard American kitchen plans. It all makes sense though. As a global marketing vice president at Nike, Kerri has traveled the world, picking up unique supplies, and lots of unexpected ideas, along the way.



1 Everything in the open

Kerri saved lots of money by skipping upper cabinets and going with open shelves on either side of the stove and next to the sink. The shelves were made with metal tubing and salvaged Indonesian hardwood. "I absolutely love having what I need in arm's reach," says Kerri. "My husband, my children, even the neighbors' kids know where everything goes!"

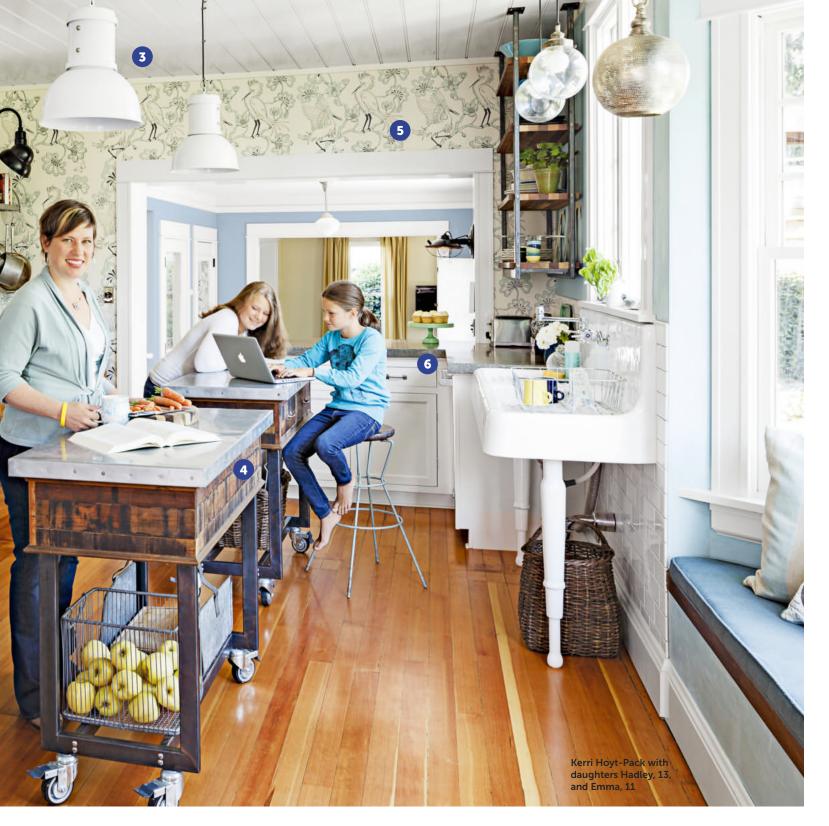
2 Big blue range

Talk about a conversation piece! Kerri is a great cook, so she splurged on this beautiful blue Lacanche Cluny range. It has two ovens—an electric one that's great for baking, and a gas one, which is better for roasting—four burners, and a cast-iron simmer plate. And the color? Heavenly! A white vent hood, mounted from the ceiling, blends with the tile.

3 Five types of lights

"I obsessed a little over the lighting," says Kerri. "I was on a quest to find utility and charm." White pendants hang over the islands, glass globes light up the sink, and a tin metal pendant is by the window. A black gooseneck sconce shines on the butcher-block counter (look for similar styles at vintagebarnlighting.com), and an industrial-style sconce is near the breakfast bar.

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4 Movable islands

The two zinc-top islands add about 11 square feet of counterspace. The metal frames match the open shelves, and the zinc tops will develop a pretty patina over time. Casters allow them to scoot around for flexibility and easy floor cleaning. Like the idea? Look for islands with wheels that lock, like these do, so they'll stay put when you're chopping.

5 Sweet wallpaper

Blue floral-and-bird print wallpaper by Florence Broadhurst decorates one of the kitchen's walls. The pattern may seem like a surprising choice for a kitchen, but it adds a little romance to all that wood, steel, and concrete in the room. The other, nonpapered walls are coated in pale blue plaster and white subway tiles.

6 Concrete counters

For the 17 square feet of counter space to the right of her sink, Kerri chose gray concrete, which was hand-poured two inches thick. "Concrete isn't for everyone because you can see imperfections in it, and it weathers with time," says Kerri. "You have to be OK with marks." She wipes the counters down with a soapy dishcloth.

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7 Breakfast bar

When it's not being used for breakfast, the white marble bar makes a convenient landing spot for backpacks and snacks. Salvaged wood scraps that match the kitchen's open shelves line the space below the bar, and the footrest is made with plumbing pipe. The lightweight metal barstools are from Design Within Reach, and the industrial-style sconce was made out of an old shop heater.

8 Farmhouse sink

The oversize sink from remodelista.com has just two legs—in the front—and the back is mounted against the wall. A basket under it stores cleaning supplies. "In every house I've ever lived in, the cabinet under the sink became a dumping ground," says Kerri. "But a basket always looks neat."







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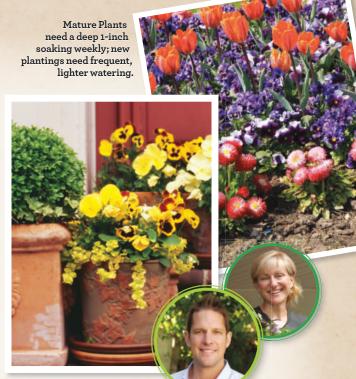
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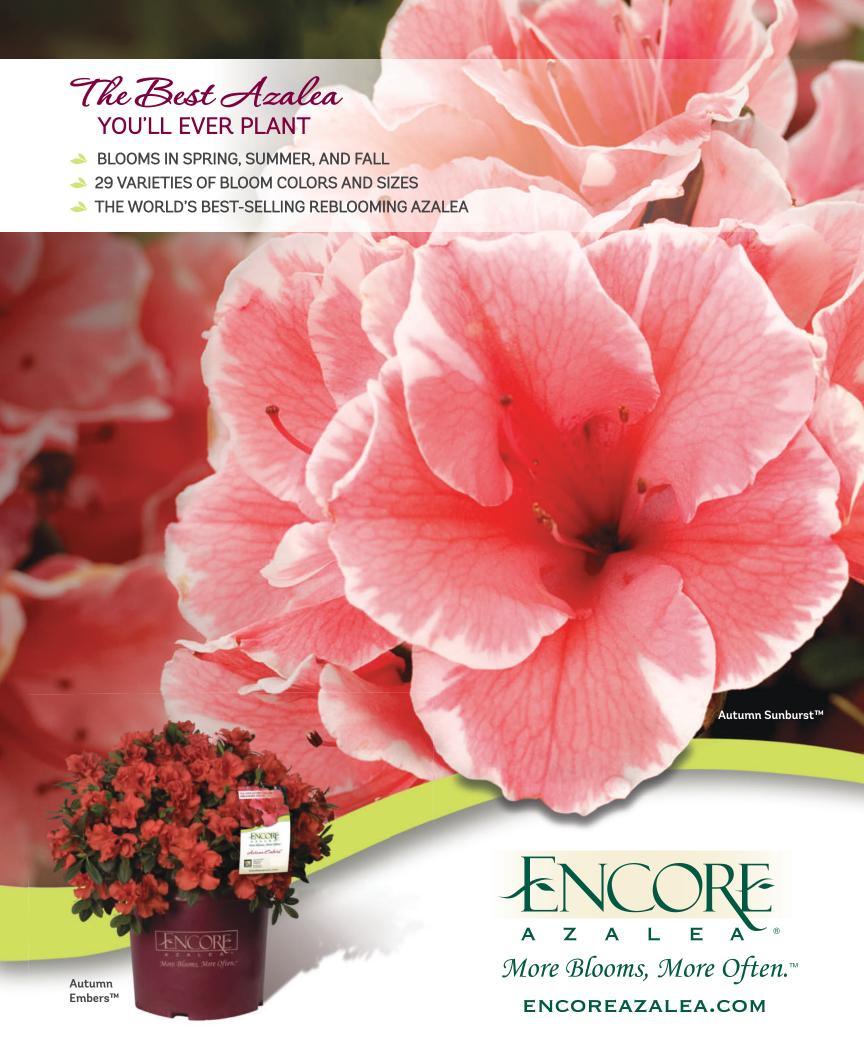
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WRITTEN BY **LINDA VATER**



If your window box doesn't match your flowers, no problem. Just paint it! We love Cosmic Berry by Valspar.



A lush window box: Various shades of pink and purple in a color-coordinated window box make this combo a looker, even from the curb. Wispy grasslike foliage and cascading ivy fill in any holes—and temper the brightness with shades of green. Help this combo to always look its best by putting it in a place with afternoon shade and wind protection.





A cheerful terra-cotta pot: A simple planter perfectly houses this assortment, which includes a textured mix of frothy ferns, feltlike kidney weed (in front and on the right), thimble-shaped alyssum, and red geraniums. To keep it from getting too wild, snip off dead foliage and flowers often. Some of these plants don't like it very hot, so pick a spot with afternoon shade.

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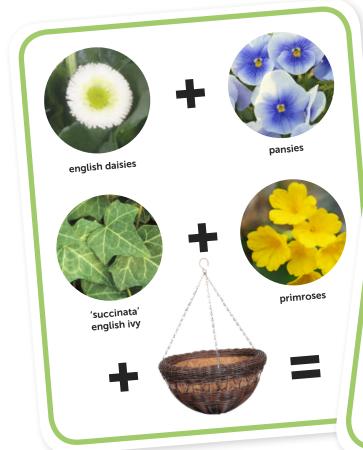








To make a hanging basket easier to reach, attach a watering wand to the end of the hose.





A sweet hanging basket: This fresh-hued combo uses tall primrose stems as an anchor for the shorter pansies, daisies, and the ivy, which drapes over the sides. Get nonstop blooms by fertilizing often. Hang it in an area that's protected from heat and wind. In the height of summer, when the daisies and primroses start to wilt, swap in a heat-tolerant bloom, like lantana.



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butterfly bushes

There's no better name for this hard-to-kill shrub that draws swallowtails, fritillaries, and other butterflies with its nectar-filled flowers. It can grow up to 12 feet tall and just as wide, and it features lilac-shaped blossoms in cream, pink, red, and purple that bees, ladybugs, and hummingbirds love too.

these attract butterflies!



salvia

This aromatic, sun-loving cutie often proves irresistible to skipper, monarch, sulphur, and mourning cloak butterflies, who all enjoy sipping from its small but showy blossoms. They are especially fond of the blue and purple varieties, including 'Blue Bedder' and 'Celestial Blue.'



black-eyed susan

This three-inch-wide, daisy-looking perennial with a brown or black button center adds a pop of sunny color to yards—and lures great spangled fritillaries and painted lady butterflies in droves. Plant it along a border in sun or partial shade and it can last through midautumn.

these smell delicious!



hybrid tea roses

Although not all varieties of hybrid tea roses release fragrances, some do pack a punch, especially on mild and slightly humid mornings, when their perfumes are at their strongest. Love fruity scents? Try the cream and red 'Double Delight,' above. For a more classic "rose" smell, plant the crimson 'Mr. Lincoln.'



lavender

Even just brushing past this shrub's spiky blooms and feltlike leaves make it hard to miss its powerful fragrance, known for its relaxing properties. Varieties of English lavender, such as 'Munstead' and 'Hidcote,' are particularly perfumy. When dried, the shrub's herbal scent can last for months



heliotrope

Also known as "the cherry pie plant," this old-fashioned, easy-to-grow perennial has dark green leaves and tiny vanilla-scented flower clusters that become fragrant in the afternoon or evening. For an extra-sweet scent, look for cultivars like white 'Alba' or dark purple 'Fragrant Delight.'

They all have good-looking foliage and eye-catching blooms, but these plants also offer interesting extras.

these look great in a vase!



garden phlox

These perennials, which flower in the spring and summer, multiply fast, and often give off a vanilla/clove scent. To make them bloom over and over, trim them often near the base of their stems. Try 'Blue Paradise,' which seems to change color—from cobalt to purple and back—as the light shifts during the day.



peonies

These gorgeous, poofy perennials are practically made to pose in a vase, where they keep their color longer than they would outdoors. They also thrive in soft light, gently unfolding their petals for as long as 10 days. Expect to see blooms in May and June, but each flower usually lasts no more than a week in the garden.



sweet peas

You might not think to cut this sunworshipping annual vine as it climbs up your fence, but with its dainty petals and orange scent, sweet peas look and smell just as great indoors. Large types like lilac and pink 'Erewhon' or pink and white 'Fire and Ice,' above, look especially lush when the stems are gathered in a glass.

these keep bugs away!



petunias

These cheerful annuals are on constant pest patrol! Plant them in a bed and their scent will help ward off several types of aphids (which suck the sap out of plants, weakening and deforming them), as well as leafhoppers (another sap-sucker), tomato hornworms, squash bugs, and beetles that prey on asparagus and beans.



nasturtiums

Pretty and useful, this annual's loose leaves and hot-hued flowers drive away lots of bugs, including aphids and whiteflies, which go after nearly all foliage. Guard a veggie garden with a row of these blooms, since they also repel squash bugs, cabbage moths, and the beetles that munch on squash, asparagus, and cucumbers.



basil

It's not just for your vegetable patch, where it will boost the size and flavor of your tomatoes. Basil's strong herbal scent and flavor sends flies, mosquitoes, and asparagus beetles packing, no matter where you plant it. Try an ornamental variety, like deep maroon 'Purple Ruffles' or red-flowering 'Cardinal' in flower beds.

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ARCHITECT Eric Olsen Design, Orange, CA, 949-887-8856, ericolsendesign.com. **INTERIOR DESIGN** Emily Henderson, Los Angeles, CA, stylebyemilyhenderson.com. Pages 130-137 Decorate it Once, Love it Forever! Dining Room: TABLE #GTAB432, noirfurniturela .com. CHAIRS (velvet) #8319-01, fairfieldchair.com; (skirted) custom. For a similar look, try ballarddesigns.com. **CHINA CABINET** antique. **DEMI-LUNE** bakerfurniture.com. FABRIC (on chairs) velvet by Robert Allen, decorativebuyingservice.com; (on curtains) Shasta in Topaz #110, Telafina, decorativebuyingservice .com. RUG Merida herringbone in nutmeg, meridameridian.com. CHANDELIER For a similar look, try wayfair.com. Living Room: SOFA charlesstewartcompany.com. **COFFEE TABLE** theodorealexander .com. FABRICS (on sofa) #22645-116, Kravet; (on ottoman) Vaughan Chenille in aqua #51391, Schumacher, both decorativebuyingservice.com. PILLOWS (on blue chair) Giorgio

Stripe by Ryan Studio, ryanstudio .biz; (on sofa) Riga Teal by Ryan Studio, ryanstudio.biz; (fretwork) custom. Kitchen: PAINT (on walls and cabinets) Feather Down #OC-6, benjaminmoore.com. ISLAND custom. STOOLS discontinued. LANTERN Currey & Company Godfrey lantern, lightingdirect.com. Dining Area: PAINT (on walls and cabinets) Feather Down #OC-6, benjaminmoore.com. TABLE custom, Joseph Beam Custom Furniture, beamcustom .com. **SETTEE** #5796-40, fairfieldchair.com. CHAIRS discontinued. For a similar look, try Baxton Studio Wishbone chair, \$220, officedepot.com. RUG Pueblo in black #007, prestigemills .com. Family Room: PAINT (on walls) Pavilion Gray #242, farrow-ball.com; (on trim and built-ins) Iron Gate #1545 benjaminmoore.com. SECTIONAL #3720-62, fairfieldchair.com. COFFEE TABLE custom, Joseph Beam Custom Furniture, beamcustom.com. PILLOWS (on sectional) Spice Linen, Eva Sangria,

and Red Oak linen pillows, Lacefield Designs, all lacefielddesigns.com. Master Bedroom: BED Calla Bed, hickorychair.com. BEDDING restorationhardware.com. Josie's Room: BED Diandra daybed, ballarddesigns.com. BEDDING custom duvet cover and shams, Jane Shelton, janeshelton.com. WALL DECAL Cherry Blossom decal, pbkids.com. Fin's Room: BEDDING quilt and shams, pbkids.com; duvet and euro pillows, custom. PROPELLER antique. INTERIOR DESIGN CBB Interiors, Charlotte, NC, 704-969-9217, cbb-interiors.com.

KITCHEN CHRONICLES

Pages 141–146 Not Your Cookie-Cutter Kitchen: WALLPAPER
Egrets #FBW-BO83 by Florence
Broadhurst, signatureprints.com.au.
SHELVES AND ISLAND made of
reclaimed wood, pioneermillworks
.com. COUNTERTOPS concrete,
Masons Supply Company, masco
.net. TILE subway, daltile.com.
RANGE Cluny in Delft Blue by
Lacanche, frenchranges.com.

HOOD ventahood.com.
SINK Clarion Farmhouse
drainboard sink, remodelista.com.
BARSTOOLS Tolix Marais
counter stool, dwr.com.
SCONCES (over butcher block)
barnlightelectric.com; (over bar)
old portlandhardware.com.
PENDANTS (over sink) shop.
manorfinewares.com. INTERIOR
DESIGN Anne De Wolf, Arciform,
Portland, OR, 503-493-7344,
arciform.com.

IN THE YARD

Pages 153–156 Easy Flower Math: WINDOW BOX

Westport rectangular wooden window box planter, \$70, wayfair .com. TERRA-COTTA POT Border Concepts round terra-cotta Italian standard pot, from \$25, hayneedle .com. VEGGIE POT Threshold 15" reactive glaze planter in blue, \$25, Target stores. HANGING BASKET Round resin wicker hanging basket with chain hanger in antique, \$30, hayneedle.com.

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vase. Pretty on -Meg Caswell, Meg's Great Rooms







66 Fill small cube vases with glass beads, then stick your makeup brushes in. Neat storage!"





66 I fill vases with sea glass from the beach. I like that when you look at them, they trigger nice memories. And, best of all, the contents are free!"

-Anthony Carrino, Cousins on Call



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